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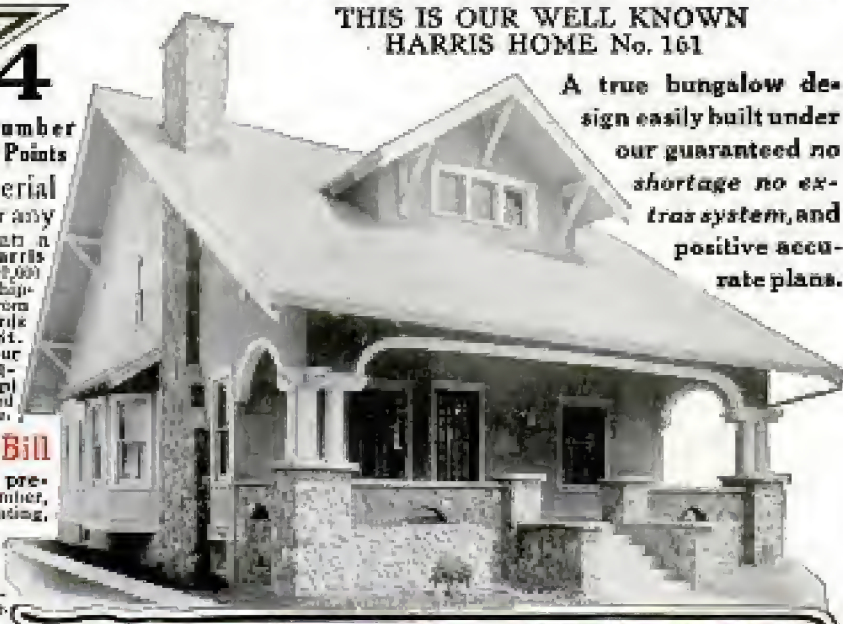
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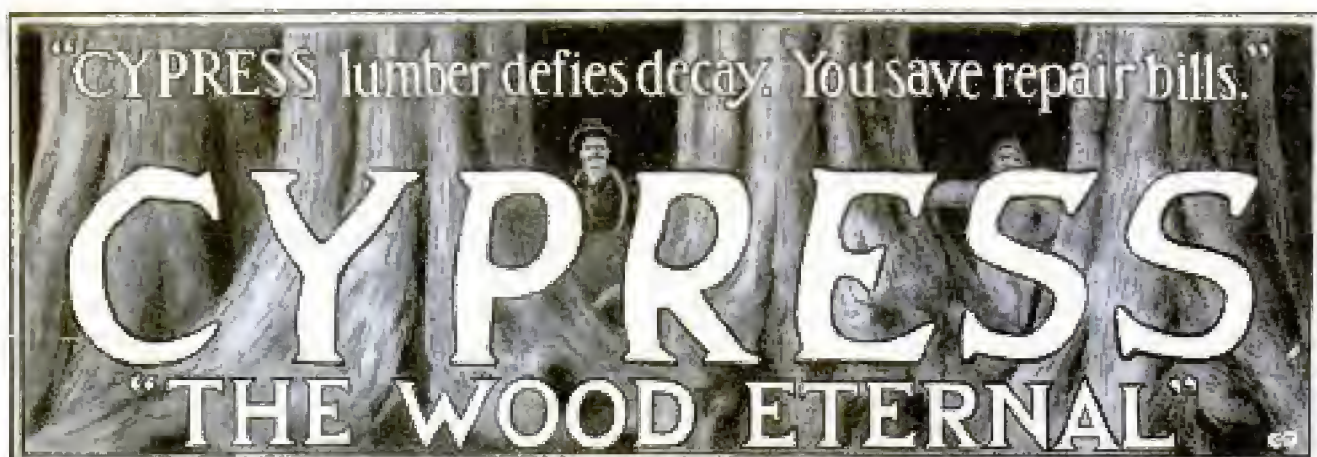
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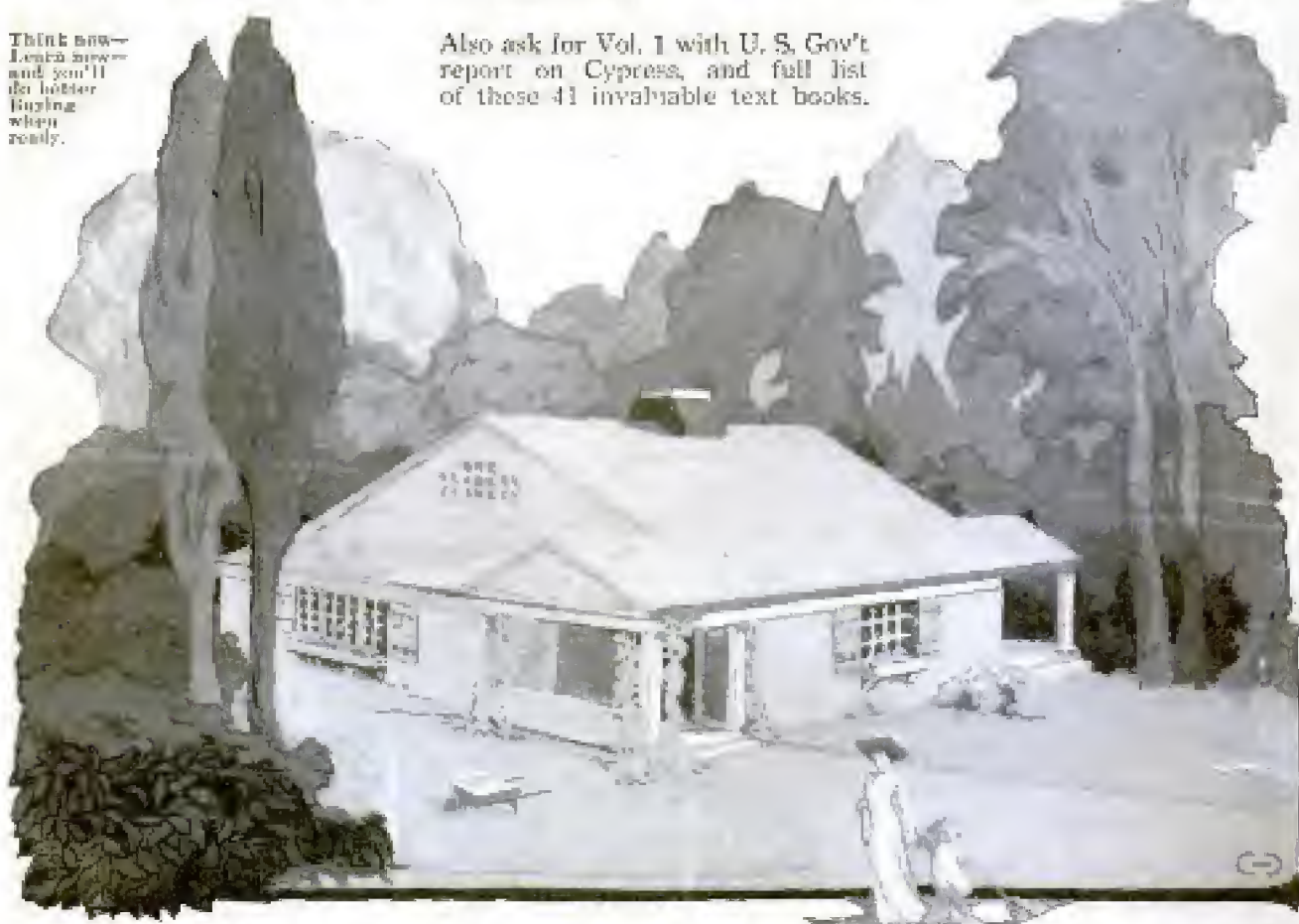
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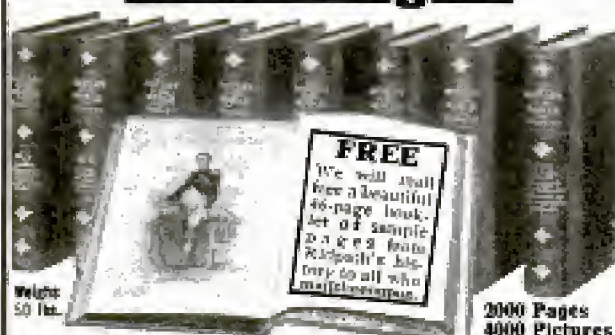
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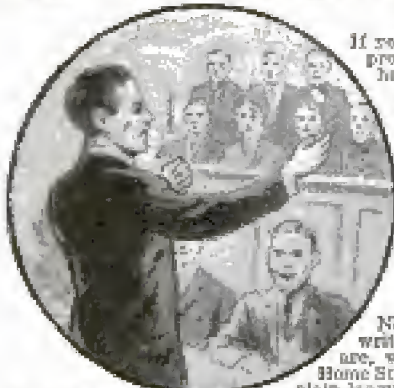
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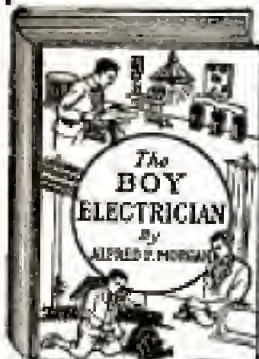
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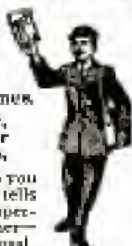
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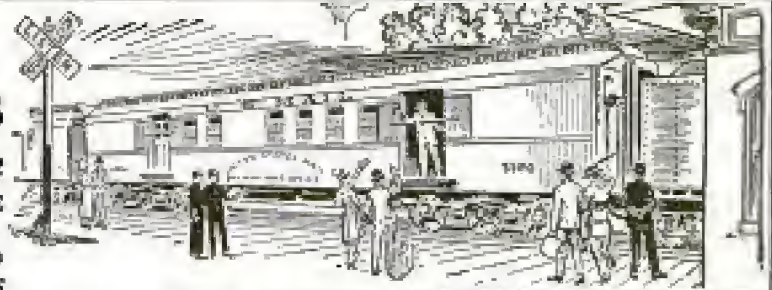
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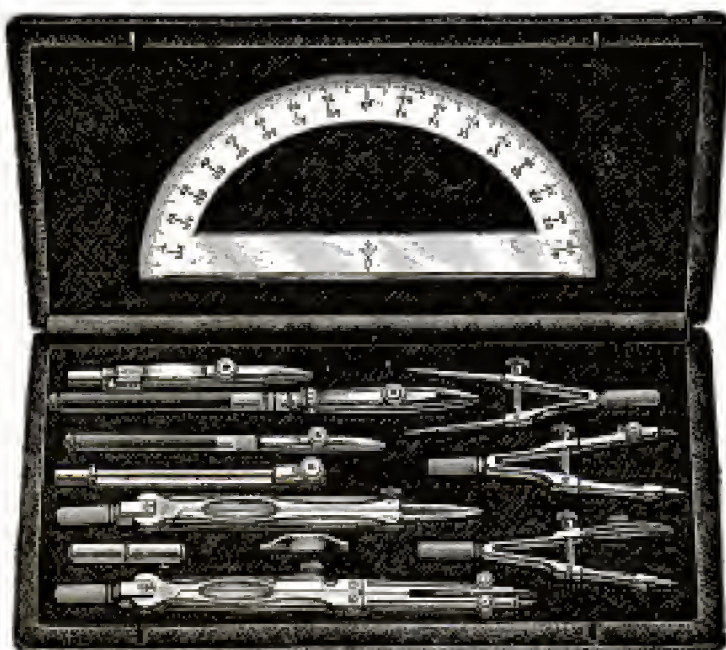
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AGENTS actually making a week's wages every day selling the new Air Cell Washer. Amazing invention. Washes clothes thoroughly without rubbing. Banishes hardness and droopery. Sells for only \$1. Curry (Okla.) writes, "Have been in the agency business for years, but this beats them all." Dodds (Miss.) made \$65 first week, without any previous selling experience. Let us give you the same opportunity. No trick at all—simply get busy. Nearly 200% profit. Be first—get exclusive territory. Write today. Air Cell Washer Co., 3025 Detroit Ave., Toledo, Ohio.

\$20 WEEKLY and more easily earned! taking orders for our guaranteed truss, suits and shoes; part or full time; no delivering; no collecting. Charlton Nursery Company, Dept. 1, Rochester, N. Y.

MAKE money operating profitable Mail Order Book business. 700% profit; everything furnished. Small outfit; particulars free. Rollins, Tremont Bldg., Boston.

BIG Textile Mills will employ everywhere reliable people to take orders for dress fabrics, hosiery, underwear and hardware from samples, factory prices. Spare or all time. No experience. Permanent. Many making over \$20 weekly. Steadfast Mills, 20 Reimsen St., Chicago, N. Y.

LAPIDES—Splendid New Article for Issue, See Topics Under "Camera."

OUR Agents are making money selling the latest household specialty just out. The Star clothes line reel, 70 feet of line. Fully guaranteed, sells at sight. Every lady wants one. Big demand. Make \$15 to \$25 daily. Write for proposition. Utility Mfg. Co., Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

IF interested in mail order business at home, write Roberts, Valley Junction, Iowa.

100% PROFIT. No competition or mail order proposition. Free sample. Southern Co., Muncie, Ind.

100% PROFIT—Everglis Gliders—No retail; pocket sample free; anyone can attach; cost 2c, sell 15c; homes by dozens, hotels hundreds; save floors and carpets. S. Mfg. Co., 4111 Warren St., N. Y.

\$1,000 PER Man per County. Strange invention starts men per county amazed. Ten inexperienced men divide \$10,000. Korstall, a farmer, did \$2,200 in 14 days. Schlicher, a minister, \$255 first 12 hours. \$1,200 sold each week, paid, limited by Steinman in 30 days; \$15,000 to date. A hot or cold running water bath equipment for our home at only \$6.50. Self-heating. No plumbing or waterworks required. Investigate. Exclusive sale. Credit given. Send no money. Write letter or postal today. Allen Mfg. Co., 4009 Allen Bldg., Toledo, Ohio.

AGENTS—310 daily and more raised by everybody undertaking an easy agency as no extra; expert knowledge unnecessary. Write Mr. Housers, 21 Stijnmughele, Den Haag, Netherlands. (Postage 5c.)

SURPRISING Profits: General Agents wanted in every city to handle our sanitary "Sax-Jax" Cloth. Refuses to take half by preventing useless bidding in refrigerators. Exclusive rights. Harsh Mfg. Co., Indianapolis, Ind.

AGENTS make \$50 per day selling our eight-shape glasses in every town. Sample 10c. mailed. Big profit. C. O. Cruphori, 624 W. 13th St., New York.

SOAP Agents—For profitable side line fitting into your regular work write Leifman Mfg. Co., Richmond Hill, N. Y.

AGENTS—Make \$12 daily introducing the Kirk Lawn Fertilizer Cartridge. Now is the season. Simply attach to garden hose and fertilize while watering. No odor, refuse or labor as with other methods. Big commission. Sells for \$2.00 to every home, florist and dealer. Carry full size sample in pocket. Write today for proposition and literature. Inquiries wanted everywhere. Chemical Sales Co., Box 20, North Wales, Pennsylvania.

\$15 MAKE first day by 15-year-old boy with Shommespe. Woman made 28 first hour. Particulars free. Shommespe Mfg. Co., 323 W. 13th St., Kansas City, Mo.

AGENTS Wanted—An opportunity to get into big business. We want motor truck agents in several territories to handle our well known motor trucks in three sizes—half-ton, one-ton and two-ton capacities. Must be financially capable of paying for demonstrators leverage for obtaining business through being able to sell on time payments. A rare opening for the man who wants to enter a permanent business in which there is an unlimited future with the pioneers of the motor truck industry. Address Motor Trucks, Box 615, Waterloo, Iowa.

PHOTO Pillow Tops. Portraits, Frames, Sheet Pictures. Photo Plates. Presents. Subjects credited. Prompt shipments; samples and cat. free to agents. 14 days' credit. Jas. C. Bailey Co., Desk A-4, Chicago.

AGENTS Wanted—If you know a person when you see it you'll see this one now. Big money—style, nifty clothes—little work—no experience or capital needed—can you beat that? We want agents everywhere to take care of our business in their localities and to advertise our nifty, nifty suits by wearing them. We furnish everything complete and charge nothing for agent's outfit. The sweetest dresses everywhere are our agents and all we ask is that you tell people who inquire about your fine clothes where and how they can get them. You make big money—\$20 a day—without trouble. Just a postal brings you full outfit free. Big, new sample book of up-to-the-minute suitings sent so you can pick out your first suit; also measuring blanks and everything you need. We pay express on everything—get a penny for you to pay. Send quick before some one else gets the agency there—mail postal today to The American Woollen Mills Co., Dept. 411, Chicago, Ill.

REPAIRERS, agents, two best pullers ever offered. Particulars quarter; sample only 10c. Sure repeater, Rural Supply, Baltimore, Ohio.

AGENTS all agree we have the world's greatest money-maker. New startling offer. Great demand. Factory running overtime. Ask us. American Aluminum Bread Food Co., Cambridge, Ohio.

PERFECTION Ford Starters for Ford Cars, \$500 each. Guaranteed to start any Ford Car that is in running condition. Splendid proposition and inducement for state and county agents, only \$25, 50% to agents. Send \$12.50 for sample and get agency contract. The Perfection Auto Starter Co., 234 16th St., Denver, Colo.

AGENTS—Snappiest household line on earth. Red-hot sellers, steady repeaters—100% profit. 250 light-weight, fast-selling, popular-priced necessities. Agents' outfit free. Get busy—quick. Write today—postal will do. American Products Co., 563 American Bldg., Cincinnati, Ohio.

"JIFFY" leading Beard Cover and Clamps is the largest red-hot seller ever invented, 150% profit. No competition. Lake Shore Manufacturing Company, Michigan City, Ind.

AGENTS, write quick for big free sample case proposition—Mexican Toilet Accessories, Bathroom Plants, Arizona Diamonds, etc. New line; exclusive territory; no competition. Big chance for business. Lester Company, Box 17, Mesilla Park, N. M.

I NEED branch managers for my world-wide mail-order business. Operate from your own home in spare time. No canvassing or peddling. Experience unnecessary. You should make \$50 weekly. Butler, 243 Factory Bldg., Toledo, Ohio.

MAKE \$21 next Saturday. Brand new proposition, patented last January. Amazing invention, compressed air washing machine, weighs but two pounds; excels week of high-priced machines. Customers excited; agents making money. A sale at every house. Price only \$1.50; 500% profit. Clean up of clothes in three minutes; works like magic. F. Hughes mail \$21 first eight hours. No charge for territory. Investigate. Write now. Wendell Co., 535 Oak St., Toledo, O.

AGENTS, make \$5,000 this year. Be your own boss—independent—abundant money—your time your own. All or spare time—at home or traveling. Write today for full particulars. E. M. Peitman, Sales Mgr., 540 Third St., Cincinnati, Ohio.

AGENTS—Sell Fibroid specialties—ties, jabots, scarfs and shawls. Made by new process on patented machines in many rich beautiful colors. Brilliant silky lustre—washable. Ties sell quickly at 35c and 50c—and sell for 25c and still net you 100% profit. Scarfs and shawls sell for \$1 each. Exceptional proposition for spare time and agents. Send 25c for sample tie (unwashed). Fisher Knitting Company, Oak St., Ohio, N. Y.

NEW 1915 Model—Send no money, put your name on a postal card, and learn by return mail how to get the best Vacuum Cleaner made, without costing you one cent, shipped direct from factory, guaranteed for 3 years. Reliable agents wanted. The Warner Company, Dept. Z, Muncie, Indiana.

MAIL-ORDER instructions complete and 27 propositions to begin with. Literature free. Write L. Hale, Box 192 B, College View, Mo.

MILKMAKERS Postcards, \$1 thousand; big lunch samples, proposition 10c. Hiram Co., 715 Washington St., Boston, Mass.

AGENTS: A free course in General Salesmanship is given to every man of our Sales Organization. This organization is a body of successful men selling the Handy Light; that unique electrical device which cuts the cost of electric lighting in half. Sells for \$3.50, is used in home, office, store, factory; weighs only one pound. Sold by demonstration. All agents furnished with well-planned methods for gaining interviews. A high-grade business for a man of ability and standing in his community. General Agents preferred. Inquire for our full proposition by addressing The Handy Light Co., 1101 Handy Light Bldg., Cincinnati, Ohio.

\$61.50 WEEKLY introducing and selling a low gas light burner for kerosene lamps. Beautiful light. No chimney. No mantle. Perfectly safe. Simple in construction. Nothing to get broken or out of order. Will not burn out. Durable. Will last for years. Low price. Easy to sell. 200 per cent profit. Experience not necessary. Sample free. Why not try one on your lamp? Beware of imitations. No branch offices. Luther Manufacturing Co., Dept. 431, Cincinnati, Ohio.

AGENTS Wanted—Agents make 500 per cent profit selling "Novelty Sign Cards." Merchants buy 10 to 100 on sight. 500 varieties. Catalogue free. Sullivan Co., 1234 Van Buren St., Chicago, Ill.

AGENTS make \$10 a day selling rugs at \$1 each; cost agents 35 cents; sizes 36x66; sell from one to six at every home; something every household wants; full size rug for sample. 65 cents by parcel post. Commerce Specialty Co., Commerce, Tex.

AGENTS—To sell Holman Electric Flash Signs. Interchangeable letters. Most effective, practical and economical advertising window sign. Fully guaranteed. Price within means of every merchant. Live agents sell several a day easily. Liberal commissions and exclusive territory. Permanent, profitable business. Holman Novelty Mfg. Co., 4418 Langley Ave., Chicago, Ill.

YOU Can Sell Kleenod Sanitary Brushes to every housekeeper. Buy direct from the largest manufacturers of wire frame brushes in America, at lowest prices. Several fine localities still open—exclusive sale granted if you open agency now. We furnish everything—no capital required. Kleenod Brush Co., 71 Taylor St., Springfield, Mass.

NOVELTY M. Last, A. L. French Sharpener, does work of \$10 article. Get sample. Salesmanship Book, proposition and quantity prices for a quarter. Show sample—sell dozens. Deposit Co., Mafestle Building, Detroit.

AGENTS: New Adjustable Fountain Penholder. Fits any coffee pot. Rapid seller. Big profits. Write today for catalogue. H. B. Buckner Mfg. Co., Muncie, Ind.

AGENTS—Make \$25.00 week selling our specialties. Send 25c for samples, get wholesale price of money makers. The Electric Appliance Co., Inc., 1893, Burlington, Kansas.

\$25.00 TO \$30.00 Weekly to hustling men and women—anywhere. Rudolf, Northbrook Building, Chicago.

AGENTS wanted everywhere to sell our 2 articles used in almost every house and office. Never previously sold by agents or mail-order firms. They sell on sight. Send for circular. Swedsted Specialty Co., Norristown, Pa.

HIG Kansas Company will start ambitious man or woman in fast growing business; any locality; \$3,600 yearly; spare time; no canvassing; no experience. We furnish everything. Write for unique selling plan. C. W. Deacon, President, 108 E. 5th, Pittsburgh, Kansas.

READ the Agents Magazine and make more money. 2 issues 10c. Agent's Magazine, Chicago.

SELL Dry Goods Remnants. Greatest bargains on earth. Remnant Store Co., Cincinnati, Ohio.

AGENTS Wanted—Women and Men—for Glorietta Cream: new, quick seller. Good profit. No experience necessary. Some make \$30 first week. Write for full particulars. E. J. Husked, Dept. 1294, Grand Rapids, Mich.

AGENTS Wanted to sell Non-alcoholic food flavors, perfumes, toilet articles, soaps, household necessities; 80% saving to consumer. Big profits to agent, premiums to customers. Free sample. Apply immediately. Dept. 8, Arthur N. Christy & Co., Newark, New York.

AGENTS in every city and county, splendid paying national business. Legitimate; new; exclusive territory. Crystella Co., 325 Washington St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

WANTED—Live Agents for Specialty selling to every Wholesale and Retail Shoe Dealer, Repair Shops and Notion Stores. Big money for hustler. Gilliam Mfg. Co., Box 471, Canton, Ohio.

AGENTS—\$15 profit, two sales. Machine for saloons. Free sample, salesmanship course. Molder, 1059 North California Ave., Chicago, Ill.

AGENTS for Ho-In-Cu Skin and Scalp soap, perfumes, toilet articles. Our prices are lower, quality of products better, orders repeat. Helms, 212 N. Second St., St. Louis, Mo.

AGENTS make big money taking orders for business and calling cards; outfit and agent's instructions free. Walbridge Co., Jackson, Mich.

500% PROFIT, Selling Art Show Cards. Every merchant buys. Send 10c. samples worth 50c. Catalogue free. Merchants Specialty House, Chicago.

SAFETY Best: New watch-selling home-hold article for agents. Retail 50c. Over 100% profit. Write or send \$3c for sample. Hayes Sales Co., 4132 Kenmore, Chicago.

YOU double your money on the popular Hygiene Milk Bottle Holder. Sample, 15c. prepaid. Catalog free. Weymouth Household Supply Co., Box 387, Springfield, Massachusetts.

"PROTECTING Inventions Before Patent Without Cost," just issue Inventor's Advocate. Advocate Building, 12, Washington, D. C. One year 25c; three months 10c.

AGENTS for Whirlwind Traffic Offer Automobile metal automobile novelty. Fits all radiator caps. \$10 a day profit. Welch Novelty Co., 4500 Paine St., St. Louis, Mo.

INVISIBLE Ink can't be seen until heated; write your letters with it, draw funny pictures. Bottle by mail 10c. Agents wanted. Nutley Sales Co., Department 3, Nutley, N. J.

USE your spare time to build up a mail-order business of your own. We help you start for a share in profits, 27 opportunities. Particulars free. Opportunities Etc., Buffalo, N. Y.

THE Wise Agent is interested in two things, a new commodity and a liberal commission. We furnish both. Kirkham Mfg. Co., Washington Bldg., Stamford, Conn.

WANTED—Agents and Salesmen, Shipbuilders Klox Lye Arm. Sells in every household for \$1.00, 100% profit. Write for particulars and folder. Klox Lye Arm Company, Stoughton, N. Y.

YOU can make big profits selling our order putting line of guaranteed goods, \$100.00 firm and liberal credit plan backs you. We have an attractive general agency offer. Valuable premiums. Wm. J. Dick, Mgr. Dept. H-21, 20 W. Lake St., Chicago.

AGENTS: Our newly patented knife sharpeners sell rapidly. Big money maker. Write quick for territory. C. Hecht, 1062 Argyle St., Chicago.

GENERAL Agents—Capable of calling on the big trade themselves and handling salesmen for the house to house and office to office business, to sell the newest electric appliances on the market; and everywhere there is electricity. In the home, office, factory, store, hotel; liberal profits; sales-driving sample, weight a pound, no experience or knowledge of electricity required; shows how to use one light instead of two and get the same results; sells for \$2.50, \$3.50, \$5.00, and saves the purchaser an investment of \$25.00. Write for particulars. The Handy Light Company, 153 Handy Light Bldg., Cincinnati, Ohio.

AGENTS are meeting with wonderful success because we start them to trading to \$2.50 worth Starr's Powdered Hamel-Peppars shipped and rusty spots on granite. Skips all leafy metalware without heat, softening heat or tools. Old table knife does the trick after soaking with water. Sample and particulars 10c stamps. Starr, 1510 Monroe St., Toledo, O.

WAR books, white star books, show cards, post cards, articles, novelties. Interesting literature free. Ward Publishing Co., Box 433, Chicago.

\$2.50 PER day salary paid one man or woman in each town to distribute free circulars and take orders for concentrated flavorings in tubes. Permanent position. J. S. Ziegler Co., 10 East Harrison, Chicago.

AGENTS, sell "Kant Leak" Rain Coats—\$5.00 kind for \$2.98. Cooper cleared \$40 in 5 days. We deliver direct to customer. Write for terms and Free Samples. Corner Mfg. Co., 10 Broad St., Dayton, O.

WINDMILL Lastering Business. We start you free. Eberly Co., Dept. P., Long Island City, New York.

AGENTS Wanted. New proposition. Big demand. Every demonstration produces sales. Exclusive territory. Manufacturer, 2311 Woodland, Kansas City, Mo.

SELLS like hot cakes. New frosting mix builder and asbestos rest. Perfumes clothes; nothing like it. Working outfit 3c. M. H. R. Manufacturer, 9 Water Street, New York.

WANTED—Agents in every county in the United States to sell our Automatic Fire Alarm and Extinguisher combined. Harlett Org. & Co., Canastota, N. Y.

WILLIAM for the Chicago House for boys to ride in. Write Thomas B. Bemis, Indianapolis, Indiana.

AGENTS and Retail Dealers—Get particulars of best-selling proposition. Latest Auto-Specialties, in finish, big profits. Valerius Distributing Co., 140 West 33rd St., New York.

AGENTS: For automobile specialties. Man with automobile preferred. Sales-manager, 950 Woodward Ave., Detroit, Michigan.

NICE income easily earned with quick, sure sellers. Permanent position. Free samples. Will Sales Co., Syracuse, N. Y.

AGENTS—Salary or commission. Greatest seller yet. Every year new and big buys on sight. 200 to 500 per cent profit. One agent's sales \$600 in six days; another \$32 in two hours. Monroe Mfg. Co., 26 La Crosse, Wis.

HUNDREDS of agents are earning money with our "No-Burn" Kettle Bottom and Bread Toasters. Sample free. Enclose 5c for mailing expenses. Osterich Sales Co., Two Rivers, Wis.

LOCAL and State Agents. Big Money. Phone-Arm. Syms Bldg., Denver, Colo.

NORTHWEST Agents—Deal direct with a good, reliable artist and get your work at first hand. Guaranteed work. A. Jensen, 225 N. State St., Chicago.

AGENTS—Buy from the manufacturer. Make 25% profit selling our new improved Glove Mender and Sticking Darning. Entirely new. Every household buys on sight. Send 10c for sample. Also good line of household necessities selling for 10 and 15 cents. The Best Specialty Co., Putnam, Conn.

AGENTS to take orders for Visiting and Business Cards. Large Profits. Outfit Free. 2c postage required. Putnam Primery, Waterbury, Conn.

AGENTS make big money with our premium plan. Write today. Advance Agency, Box 2792, Boston, Mass.

AMERICA'S daily necessity—Free sample. Wm. E. Simmons Co., Hicksville, Ohio.

AGENTS to sell honest goods for good, honest profits. The Nelson Co., A, Southbridge, Mass.

WONDERFUL New \$14.00 Washing Machine. Generates own power, forcing laundry streams boiling water through clothes. Brush made \$170.00 first seven days. You can too. Geyer Washing Machine Works, Chicago.

AGENTS—If you make less than \$1.00 per hour, write us; we manufacture new household necessity; patented; low price; wonderful seller; not sold in stores. Tyler Co., 2310 Main St., Muncie, Indiana.

AGENTS: Latest patent duck-protector, paper weight. Big money-maker. Sells 4c sight. Sample 5c. Valerius, 261 Broadway, New York.

LITERARY Commissions. High-class Teller and Household Articles, repeat orders. Dept. B, The Hamilton Company, Mpls., Washington, D. C.

GOOD money showing you time-saving helps. Merit and popular prices insure steady, pleasant work, while or spare time. Business comes to you when introduced. Sterling Sales, Morgan Park, Ill.

AGENTS are earning money selling our big 10c Packages of 20 Assorted Postal Cards. "5,000 Varieties." Big Profits. Sell everywhere at sight. Sample Packages free. Particulars Free. Sullivan Card Co., 1234 Van Buren St., Chicago, Ill.

200% PROFIT. You can't beat it. Sells everywhere. Free pocket sample. Our goods get the orders. Wm. J. Dick, Mgr., Dept. H-4, 20 W. Lake St., Chicago.

AGENTS—To sell the newest electric appliances on the market; sold everywhere there is electricity. In the home and office; electrical products; sales-driving sample, weighs a pound, no experience or knowledge of electricity required. It shows how to use one light instead of two and get the same results; sells for \$2.50 and saves the purchaser an investment of \$25; write for particulars. The Handy Light Co., 15 Handy Light Bldg., Cincinnati, Ohio.

GREAT \$2 Clothes-Drying Contrivance. Agents: write Jay New Mfg. Co., Box 235-B, Hagerstown, Maryland.

I WILL start you in the Mail-Order Business, furnish everything. If you will handle my goods. Open Co., 50, Atlantic City, N. J.

AGENTS—Sell "Attacho" Electric Lights," make \$1 to \$15 daily; enormous demand; send now for terms, territory. Attacho Light & Novelty Co., St. Louis, Missouri.

SELL New Bake Pans; sides for dorned cakes don't break; every woman buys; send quarter for sample and take orders. Self-Sellers Company, Box 113, Chelsea, Mass.

AGENTS and Auto Owners. The greatest Spark Plugs on earth; in car complete with our Plug. G. E. Clark, Ottawa, Canada.

AGENTS, our "Boston Patent Palmer" sells rapidly. Offers big profit. Get next to this money-maker. Circulars free. H. D. Hall, Orange, N. Y.

IT WILL pay you to write me before you take an agency for Guaranteed Aluminum Tinsmiths. I have an attractive general agency offer. Wm. J. Dick, Mgr., Dept. H-4, 20 W. Lake St., Chicago.

AGENTS—Sell the Everlasting Garter for men; new, patented. Send 25c for sample. Make \$4 per day. Address: The Complete Supply Co., M., 1230 W. Lehigh Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.

WAR posters, largest variety, lowest price. Salesmen All over with 100 good sellers, 50c. Vendrams, 222 West 149th St., New York.

AGENTS—Both sexes, city, town, country, for "Machin" 2 in 1 metal and furniture polishing cloth; enormous demand everywhere; 200 per cent profit; sample free. Thomas G. Dougherty, 233 East 88th St., New York.

MAGIC Ink Eraser. No blade, no acid. Erases ink like magic. Sells like bread in a machine. Sample 10c. Sells 25c to 35c. S. Mfg. Co., 41X, Warren St., N. Y.

INTRODUCING Jet-Blk. inextinguishable gas mantle. New in America; lasts longer; throws greater light; its standard inverted burners; rapid seller. Sample 25c. Particulars upon request. Jules, 205 W. 48th St., New York.

BE a demonstrator. Learn this wonderful new profession. Earn \$1,500 to \$2,500 a year. We place you in a position, free, that pays from \$1 to \$10 a day while you are learning. Free instructions so you can start in a few days. Madam Benoit, 2204 Orchard St., Chicago.

HOUSEHOLD Necessities, needs the metal article except aluminum, price twenty-five cents; six prospective agents, ten cents. Sample of carpet cleaning soap same price; with formula, fifty cents. Ask for circular on message transmitter. Clifton Specialty Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

MAKE and sell your own goods. Formulas by expert chemists. Manufacturing processes and trade secrets. Formula catalog for stamp. H. Mystic Company, Washington, D. C.

GUARANTEED hustler manufacturer selling direct to consumer wishes agent in every county. Permanent, big paying business. Protected territory. Credit. D. Parker Mfg., 2730 No. 12th St., Philadelphia.

YOU can sell our Raincoats, Angora wool hosiery. We give you one, outfit free. Tenpole Raincoat Co., Box 201, Templeton, Mass.

AGENTS—Father son. Big profits. Quick action. Several needed in every family. Unusual merit. Pleasure to handle. Write quickly. Boston Co., Box 980, Lancaster, Mass.

YOUNG Man, would you accept a tailor-made suit just for showing it to your friends? If you live in a town smaller than 15,000, write Banner Tailoring Co., Dept. 875, Chicago, and get beautiful samples, styles and a wonderful offer.

AGENTS. Cost. 3c, sell 25c. Gold window letters. Any one can apply. Samples free. Chicago Letter Co., 2513 Lincoln Ave., Chicago.

500% PROFIT selling our wonderful sign letters for office windows, store fronts and glass signs; resembles finest gold leaf; easily applied; samples free. Metallic Letter Co., 400 N. Clark St., Chicago.

IDEAL Lamp Filler saves bother filling lamps. Also put among canvassers and agents. Good opportunity to make money. Samples A & B 25c. Harry Oils Mfg., Box A2298, Boston, Mass.

AGENTS—Stamping names on Pocket Key Protectors; sample check with your name and address, 15c. Stamping Outfits, Emblem Checks, Check Folders, Name Plates, Bar Mfg. Co., Desk 2, 223 Dagrow St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

AGENTS—200% profit. Wonderful little article. Sells like wildfire. Can be carried in pocket. Write at once for free sample. H. Matthews, 1062 Third St., Dayton, Ohio.

30 TO 40% Profit for Agents selling our guaranteed U. S. Fire Extinguishers. Tremendous demand. Orders repeat. Exclusive territory in county and district managers. United Mfg. Co., 1508 Oakwood, Toledo, Ohio.

AGENTS. Highest line, biggest profit, extracts, perfumes, medicines, spices, jelly powders. Premiums for your customers. Western Laboratories, 1929 Van Buren St., Chicago.

WE need one active, reliable person in each community to take orders for our popular mechanical books. You don't have to be a book agent. These books do their own talking. Simply show them. They contain just that sort of information about how to do and make things that every mechanically inclined person is looking for. And they are reasonable in price. We allow you a liberal commission for this pleasant work which you can do during spare time without interfering with your regular occupation. Don't neglect this real opportunity, but write now for full details to Manager Book Dept., Popular Mechanics Magazine, 6 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago.

AGENTS Wanted—To advertise our goods by distributing free sample to consumers, 10 cents an hour. Write for full particulars. The Parcel Company, 1062 West St., Dayton, O.

FFPS-UP-POET aluminum coffee percolator 10c any coffee pot. Agents wanted quick. Big profits. Write today for circulars. Standard Spinning & Stamping Co., 2240 Euclid Ave., Toledo, O.

AGENTS—Graham's Self-Gartered Socks, Patented. Price no higher. Guaranteed never creep down. Don't pinch leg. Fine gauge, wear-forward quality. Send 25c for samples. State also. Graham Company, 538-P Forest Ave., Oak Park, Ill.

1,000% PROFIT manufacturing ink. Start at home during spare time. Capital and experience unnecessary. Enormous and endless demand. Our secret formulas and sure selling plans insure you a lucrative, steadily increasing business. Investigate immediately. Particulars free. A. Cohen, Secretary, 6925-6929 Kenwood Ave., Chicago, Ill.

AGENTS—Earn \$20 weekly selling my household and office specialty. H. F. Mad-dox, Brownsville, Tenn.

AGENTS—Sell rich-looking imported 85c 65 Bags, \$1 each. Carter, Tenn., sold 115 in 4 days. Profit, \$57. You can do same. Write for sample offer selling plan; exclusive territory. Sample rug by parcel post prepaid, 98c. Condon, Imposter, Stockington, Maine.

KNITLESS Neckties—Something new, twelve ties in one; costs no more than old style; man made \$70, three days; woman made \$92, week; write for special agents' offer. Knitless Necktie Mfg. Co., Dept. 10, Kansas City, Mo., or Universal Products Co., Toronto, Canada.

AGENTS—Quit hard-work-no-pay-canvasing. Wonderful French Process opens economically profitable business. No capital; no selling; no stock to buy. Start anywhere. Parlow, 511 23rd Street, Oakland, Calif.

YOU can make from \$25 to \$100 per week operating Aerial "Ade" in big cities. Don't delay. Get on the job. Canyon-Kite, 3508 McLean Ave., Chicago.

A LIVE, ambitious man, well acquainted with railroad men or in large factory, to sell lawn lots on monthly payments is need, fast growing railroad sleep town in sunny South Texas. Experience not necessary. Good commissions. Earnings should run \$50 to \$250 per week. Townsend Company, Needles, Texas.

"YANKEE" The Peters: Tremendous seller—Enormous profit. Made of pure German silver, \$2.50 per gr. (144). Including circulars, 80K brand Ties, 75 cts. per doz.—\$6 per doz. Sample Form and Tie, with full particulars, and best "Spit" ever written, sent prepaid for 10 cts. in stamps or coin. The Yankee Novelty Co., 94 E. 10th St., N. Y.

SELL Our Attractive Brass Easel Poster Frames in picture theatres, also changeable letter signs for every store; big demand; easy sales; liberal commissions. Newman Manufacturing Company, Cincinnati, Ohio.

JUST show them—The new adjustable floor and wall jacks, dustless dusters and scrubbing brushes sell themselves. Big line. Big profits. Agents write Silver-Chamberlain Co., Dept. M, Clayton, N. J.

AGENTS: Here's \$50 a week easy! Brand new device! Every housewife enthusiastic. \$1.25 profit on \$1 sale. Wonderful selling plans. Parvin Mfg. Co., Funching, Wis.

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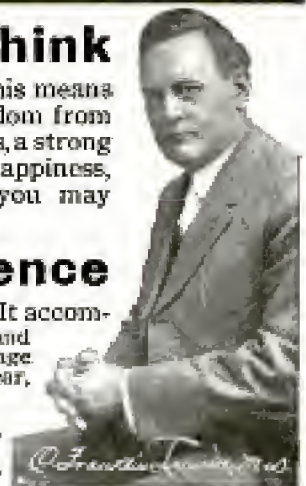
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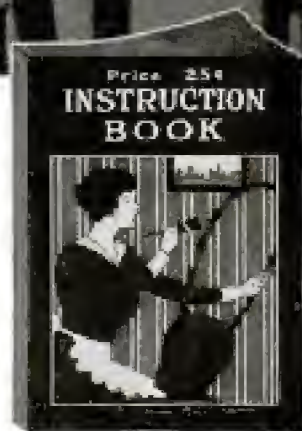
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British Troops Using Handmade Grenades

GRENADES made in the trenches by the soldiers themselves and thrown at the enemy's trenches either by hand or by a crude device that suggests the Roman catapult, form one of the curious features in the desperate fighting that goes on almost continually along the battle lines of Flanders, and illustrate a surprising development of the present war in Europe—the reversion to methods of fighting that a year ago were thought to be forever discarded. In the early stages of the war most of the fighting was done at such long range that only modern

equipment and ammunition could be used effectively, as was to be expected in a twentieth-century war. Since then the opposing forces have settled down in trenches that are in many places only 30 to 100 yd. apart.



British Soldiers in the Trenches are Using Hand Grenades Made from Tin Cans and Thrown by Primitive Catapults

Sniping at close range, mining and sapping, and the use of hand grenades are common features of the fighting.

It is in the British trenches that the handmade grenades are being used. Each of these consists simply of a tin can, or a "jam tin," as the British call it, filled with small pieces of iron and a charge of guncotton, and equipped with a fuse. This is frequently thrown by hand, but more often by a crude device consisting of a heavy timber with an automobile spring fixed vertically in the upper side. When a grenade is to be thrown, the top of the spring is

drawn back and is held by a notch in a wooden trigger that is also fixed to the timber. The grenade is placed in a tin holder attached to the spring, and the fuse is lighted. Then the trigger is pulled back and the grenade is thrown upward and forward by the force of the spring, the idea being to throw the grenade high so that it will drop behind the breastworks of the enemy. The device is adjusted for range, which must evidently be short, simply by placing the timber on a greater or less incline or by varying the amount that the spring is drawn back.

SALVAGE WORK ON SUNKEN "EMPRESS OF IRELAND"

4243 All the bodies that could possibly be reached, as well as the mail and silver bullion on board the sunken "Empress of Ireland," have been recovered, as the result of one of the most remarkable feats of deep-water salvage ever attempted. When the ship was sunk near the mouth of the St. Lawrence it settled in the soft mud at the bottom of the river, which is 138 ft. deep at low tide, and heeled over at a sharp angle. Because of these conditions the divers were compelled to work at times at the unusual depth of 160 ft. In spite of the extremely dangerous character of the work only one accident occurred, but this, unfortunately, resulted in the death of one of the divers.

To familiarize the divers with the arrangement of the ship and the location of the strong box, pasteboard models were made, and the divers were thoroughly schooled with these before being permitted to undertake the work. As a further precaution the first work that was done by the divers after a hole had been cut in the side of the ship was that of bulkheading all flanking doorways and passageways along the route to be followed inside the ship, so that no diver could go astray or get his hose, life line, or telephone connections tangled. Because of the dangers involved the divers worked always in pairs, and as soon as one couple came to the surface two

more men were ready to descend and carry on the work. To furnish as much protection as possible against the cold water each diver was equipped with rubber gloves, which were made thin enough to enable the diver to guide himself where necessary by the sense of touch alone. The salvage vessel was equipped with a compressed-air system, and the divers received their air supply from storage tanks instead of from pumps, as is the common custom.

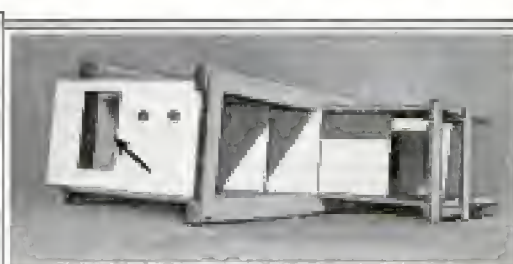
The one man who lost his life slipped from the side of the sunken liner and fell into considerably deeper water. The sudden application of hydrostatic pressure apparently confused him, and in his excitement, instead of opening his air valve, he screwed it close. After this fatality every valve seat was notched so that air would reach a diver in distress and keep him alive until aid could be sent to him. In addition to the work of recovering the bodies of the victims, and the mail and bullion, the steel masts of the "Empress of Ireland" were cut away with air drills, thus removing a serious menace to navigation.

¶Nine billion stamped envelopes and newspaper wrappers in one order were recently bought by the Post Office Department.

*Photos from Robt. B. Sherrell
15 Williams St.,
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Two Divers
Going
Overboard
from Tender



Model of Section of "Empress of Ireland";
Arrow Indicates Cut in Side of Ship



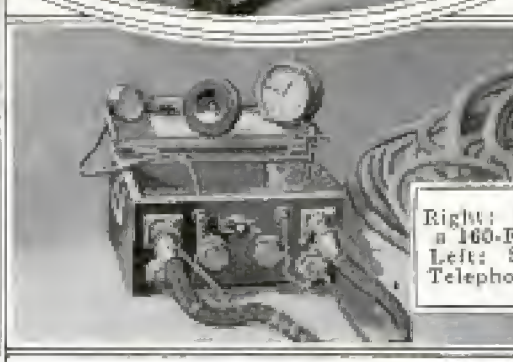
Drilling
Outfit for
Piercing
Side of Ship



Working the Surface
Apparatus with Divers
Below. The Steel
Cylinder is the
Hospital Lock



Bringing
Up an Ingot
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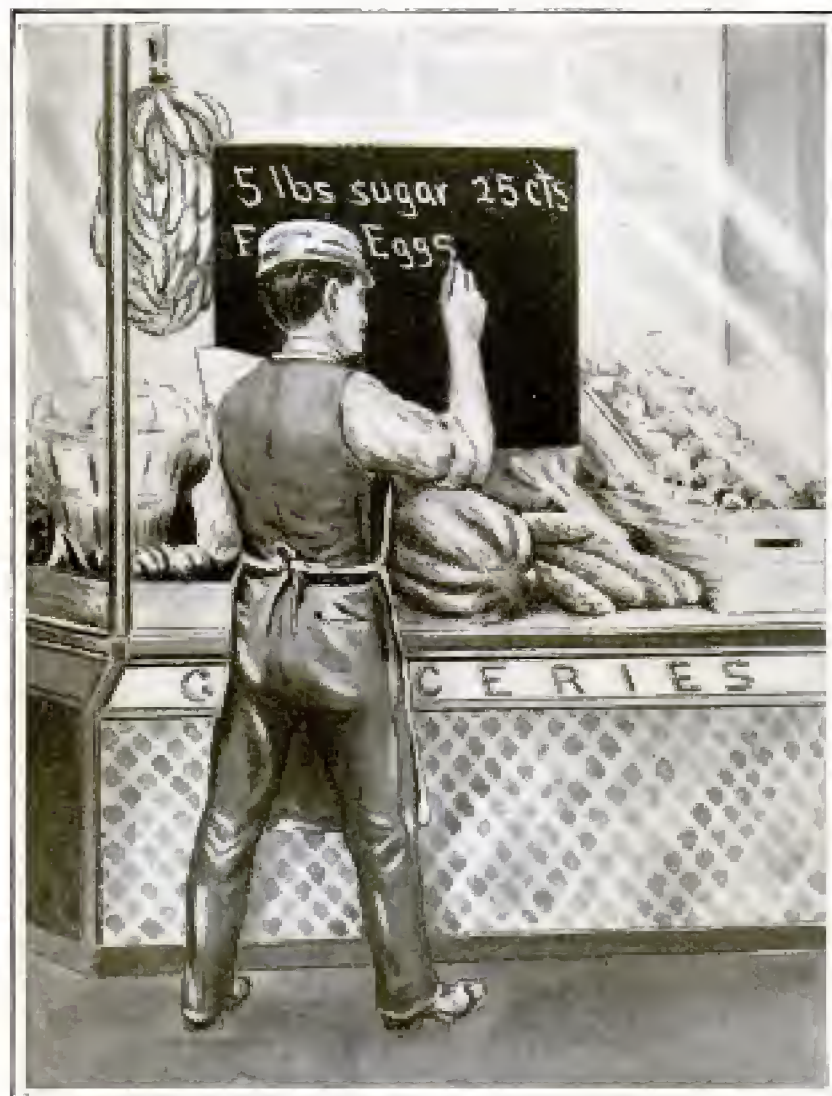


Right: Starting on
a 100-Foot Dive.
Left: Submarine-
Telephone Central



**SCHOOL BLACKBOARDS MADE
914 H OF PLATE GLASS**

Blackboards made of an especially ground plate glass have been installed



Blackboard Made by Grinding the Surface of Plate Glass and
Painting the Back Black

in the classrooms of a Portland, Ore., school. In preparing glass for this purpose, the face is given a three-process sand-blast finish, and the back side is painted black. It provides a good writing surface on which ordinary chalk and felt erasers may be used, and also one which may be readily washed so that it can be kept fresh, jet-black, and free from an accumulation of dust. One of the advantages claimed for plate glass as a blackboard material is that it may be procured in long sections which will extend close to the

floor, if desired, enabling both beginning and advanced pupils to use the same board without difficulty to either because of its height. Since the paint is applied on the reverse side, such a board may be used indefinitely without its requiring any attention other than an occasional washing, while it cannot become slick in spots, as is frequently the case with some boards. The same process can be applied to plate-glass store windows, providing a permanent blackboard for advertising announcements.

**NEW PROCESS FOR
TREATING LOW-
GRADE RUBBER**

For treating low-grade rubber and making it suitable for rolling, and other processes of manufacturing, a new method has been invented, the principal purpose of which is to extract the resin and thus do away with the sticky quality of the rubber. The rubber gum is first made into a stiff solution with naphtha, or some other light solvent material.

This solution is then placed in a receptacle in which a partial vacuum is created by an ordinary exhauster. With the pressure of the air removed, the naphtha quickly expands the rubber into a spongy mass consisting of thin-walled cells and passages, which affords a multitude of cell walls to be acted on and is easily permeated by the fluids used in the subsequent treatment. The resin can then be removed easily by caustic soda or some other resin solvent, and the rubber is ready for vulcanizing.

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A typewriter that is nearly 2,000 times the size of the ordinary machine is one of the novel exhibits at the Panama-Pacific Exposition. While installed principally as an advertisement, this enormous machine also serves another purpose of as great importance, since it is used for writing newspaper bulletins that can be read a block away. This machine, which is 21 ft. wide and 15 ft. high, is reported to have cost \$100,000. The type are 3 in. in height and print letters which are spaced 2 in. apart from center to center. The weight of the carriage is 3,500 lb., the diameter of the key cup, which is the part of the machine ordinarily pressed by the fin-

ger, is 7 in., while the hollow cylinder is large enough for a man to crawl through. For using the machine, paper 9 ft. wide is required. The operator sits at an ordinary typewriter which is electrically connected with the large machine so that when a key on the small machine is struck the corresponding key on the large machine is struck through the action of the electrical apparatus. This typewriter has been under construction for about two years, and requires four electric motors in its operation.

Torpedo nets that can be placed in position in three minutes have been adopted for British warships.

NEW REFRIGERATOR MADE IN
DETACHABLE SECTIONS

One of the interesting features in a new refrigerator is that it can easily



This Refrigerator can be Taken Apart for Cleaning and Then Put Together in a Few Minutes without Tools of Any Kind

be taken apart for transportation or for cleaning, and then put together in

a few minutes without the use of tools of any kind. The base, sides, front, back, and top form separate sections. These are connected by locking bars, having slots in the ends, which fit over pins projecting from the parts to be connected and are so arranged that when the refrigerator is set up, these parts are held rigidly together. Other features of this refrigerator, such as that of circulating the water formed by the melting ice through pipes under the shelves, have been described in this magazine.

STEEP HILLSIDE MADE INTO
RESIDENCE SECTION

A hillside, so steep that it was generally thought to be worthless and had been given over for years to sagebrush and weeds, has been transformed into an attractive residential section by an enterprising California builder. The hill was graded into terraces, and on these attractive bungalows were built. Running straight up the hill is a concrete construction consisting of four sections of steps and three stretches of incline walks, and having a total length of 500 ft. The steps are 12 ft. wide, while the incline is made up of two strips of concrete, each 4 ft. wide, between which runs a strip of lawn of the same width.



This Group of Residences Occupies a California Hillside That was Formerly Considered Worthless and was Given Over for Years to Sagebrush and Weeds

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THE "WOBBLING" OF THE NORTH POLE A POSSIBLE CAUSE OF EARTHQUAKES

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THAT the "wobbling" of the north pole may be responsible for the earthquake that devastated central Italy, obliterating many of its towns, killing approximately 40,000 of its inhabitants, and doing damage to property in excess of \$60,000,000, on January 13, is the latest theory tentatively advanced by scientists for such an upheaval of the earth's surface. It is generally agreed by investigators that many quakes are caused by volcanic action. Many of them are also due, according to generally accepted theories, to "slips" or sudden readjustments of the deep-lying rock strata which form the foundations of the earth. There are, however, many earthquakes that cannot be attributed to either of these causes, so far as scientific investigators have been able to demonstrate. That these quakes, or some of them, are in some way connected with the variation of the earth's axis from its normal position, has been suggested by some excellent authorities.

Recent study of these polar aberrations has demonstrated that the axis is constantly moving about in a spiral course, in much the same manner as a top travels when it is spinning on a slightly uneven surface. By astronomical observations this path has been traced and the discovery made that the axis returns to about a normal position approximately every seven years. It has been found that when the axis makes a sharp turn in its very irregular course, seismic activity is materially increased. From this it is reasoned that the movement of the

pole probably sets up stresses in the crust of the earth which result in violent upheavals along faults and ridges.

Differing conclusions have been formulated regarding the relationship of the two phenomena. One of these holds that it can hardly be assumed that there is any direct connection between earthquake frequency and polar changes, other than that both effects may quite probably be caused by a common force. It has been suggested that this energy may be developed by the redistribution of surface material by either the currents of the ocean or by meteorological causes.

In support of the belief, however,

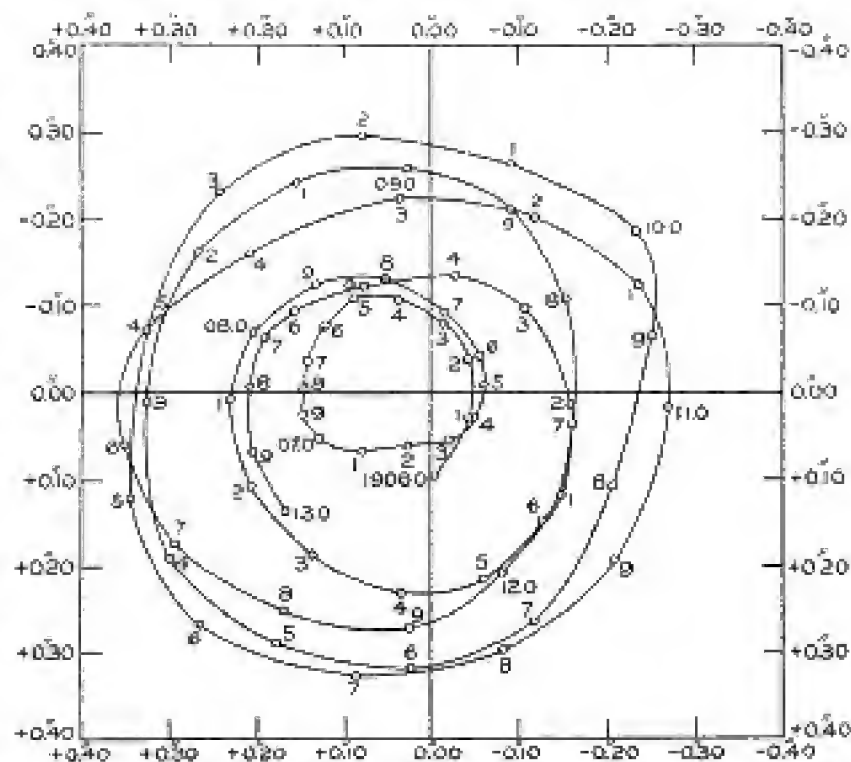


Diagram Showing the Variations of the North Pole from 1906 to 1913
in Fractions of a Second of Latitude

that seismic disturbances often may be traced directly to the polar aberrations it is worthy of notice that during 1906 and 1907, when repeated upheavals of a violent character occurred in different parts of the world, including the disasters at San Francisco and Valparaiso, the movement of the pole was very irregular. A sharp turn in



Above Is the Crumbled Heap of Brick and Stone Which Now Buries What Before Was the Main Street of the Medieval Town of Avezzano, a Place of 12,000 Inhabitants, Less Than a Thousand of Whom Survived the Catastrophe

Remains of Torlonia Castle Outside of Rome, and One of Avezzano's Streets



Group of Survivors at Avezzano Transporting a Few Pieces of Household Furniture to an Improvised Shelter outside the Zone of Tottering Walls. The Ruins at the Right Are Typical of Those of Thousands of Buildings throughout Central Italy, East of Rome and South toward Naples



A Little Handful of Survivors Huddled Together in One of the Few Open Spaces Left in the City after the Upheaval

its course may also be found in the tracings of the last part of 1908, at which time the Messina disaster claimed thousands of victims. The same is true of the years 1892 and 1893, which include the time of the great Persian earthquake in which 12,000 persons lost their lives.

A somewhat different view of the significance attached to the "wobbling" axis is suggested by studies made at the United States Naval Observatory, where it has been noticed that violent seismic disturbances and the widening of the spiral curve followed by the earth's axis are occurrences which take place simultaneously. The erratic circuit made by the pole, which is confined to a range of from 40 to 60 ft., causes the latitude of the earth to vary constantly. Three and a half years are consumed in the outward swing and the same length of time in the inward course, so that the spiral is recommenced about every seven years. At the present time the pole is in the second year of its outward swing, and in accordance with the theory that upheavals increase as the spiral widens, next year should be one of frequent ruptures.

Another very interesting observation which has recently come to popular attention is the fact that a great percentage of the earthquake zones where the shocks are the most violent, lie on a belt encircling the globe, touching north of Panama, the Azores, France, Spain, Southern Asia, and the Indian Ocean. Thus the quake areas of Europe, Central America, the West Indies, the Azores, the Caucasus, the Himalayas, as well as of western Polynesia, all appear in this belt. In this connection also it is pointed out that the areas of submarine disturbances, both in the Indian Ocean and the Atlantic south of the Azores, are coincident with submerged ridges of land. In the former case no less than 23 submarine disturbances have been recorded in the vicinity of the submerged strip.

The recent upheaval in Italy centered its force in the mountainous

province of Abruzzi. The shock lasted 34 seconds, but in that brief time the whole countryside was changed into a burial ground of cities and a region of famine and suffering. There was a succession of lesser shocks following the quake which were felt from the southernmost part of the peninsula into certain parts of France and Switzerland, causing serious avalanches to occur in the Swiss Alps which isolated villages and destroyed large forests. These disturbances, in the opinion of some, indicated that the quake was not of volcanic origin.

Avezzano, a town of 12,000 inhabitants, lying less than 70 miles east of Rome, is now a dust-laden heap of crumbled stone, with here and there a tottering wall. In all, there were nearly a score of towns which were wiped out completely, and more than 100 where severe tolls of both life and property were reported. Sora, Arpino, Celano, Lipari, Aielli, Marsi, and numerous other towns, were among those which suffered most. Rome, long considered immune from serious seismic disturbances, and its suburbs, Tivoli and Frascati, were shaken severely. The district which suffered the most from the visitation was not a thickly populated one and most of its towns were hill places, off the beaten paths of tourists, which have been little affected by modern influences and still retained a charming atmosphere of the medieval.

The earthquake came almost with the unexpected suddenness of a flash of lightning. A confused murmuring sound swept across the peninsula and south past Naples. Simultaneously loose objects commenced to tremble, the murmur growing into a roar. What at first seemed to be a quiver became a violent shaking which caused the ground to heave and sink like the surf, and buildings to toss about like boats. Then a double twisting, shaking motion of the earth, and walls commenced to fall, roofs to drop, and the streets to fill with debris. As the movement of the earth became more violent, the ground opened in long cracks along

the crests of the troughs and then crashed together again, sending clouds of dust and particles of earth into the air. Entire buildings seemed to be swallowed up by the earth, and above the deafening, crashing, rumbling noise, were heard the shrill screams of the injured and dying. After the ground had returned to an even, swinging motion, the shaking ceased almost as suddenly as it had commenced. Then, where there had been cities a few seconds before, only clouds of dust and smoke were to be seen.

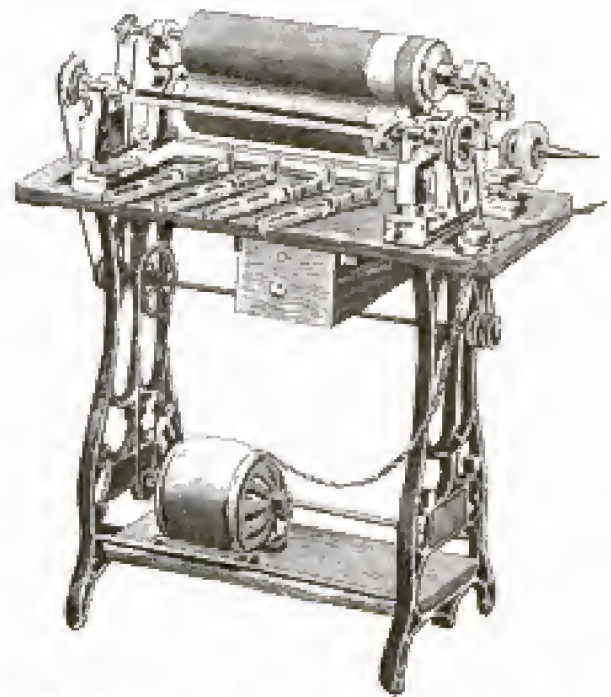
Rome itself failed to escape entirely from the upheaval. A survey of the city after the first terrible shock had passed, showed that many of its architectural monuments had suffered

greatly. More than fifty palaces and churches within the walls of the city were badly shaken and damaged. The famous gateway designed by Michelangelo at the Porta del Popolo was shaken until it had to be braced to prevent its falling. The Claudian aqueduct was injured, the great tower at Arpino which commemorated the birthplace of Cicero was toppled over and the obelisk in St. Peter's Square was damaged. It is reported that the tunnel draining Lake Fucino was caved in by the earth vibrations. Damage to this subterranean work presents a problem, for Lake Fucino since medieval times has been a source of great difficulty to the government, owing to its lack of a natural outlet.

9088 **MACHINE FOR SHARPENING SAFETY-RAZOR BLADES**

A new and interesting machine for sharpening safety-razor blades has recently been brought out and is now being placed on the market. With this machine the work is all done automatically, the only thing necessary in operating it being to place the blades in holders, attach the holders to an oscillating rod at the front of the machine, and then remove the holders after the work is finished. One end of the holder is attached to this rod, while the free end, on which the blade is carried, projects into the recess between two rollers that bear against each other and revolve in opposite directions. As the rod oscillates the edge of the blade is brought in contact in rapid succession with first one roller and then the other, the blade taking the proper angle with reference to each of the rollers through the action of a flexible clamp in which it is held. In this way the edge of the blade is ground, honed, and stropped evenly on both sides. The blade travels the full length of the rollers from right to left. The first work on the blade is the grinding, which is done by a short section of stone on each of the rollers. Then comes a section covered with

honing material. Both of these sections revolve so that they work toward the blade. The last operation is that of stropping, which is done by a pair



New Electrically Driven Machine That Sharpens Safety-Razor Blades Rapidly and Automatically

of rollers covered with leather. These rollers revolve in the opposite direction, or away from the blade. The machine is operated by a small electric motor.

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**FREIGHT CREWS CALLED BY
9215 *m* MOVIE SCREENS**

Through an arrangement between the railroad authorities and the motion-picture theaters at Sayre, Pa., freight crews are regularly called for their runs by brief notices flashed on the screens at the theaters. When a given crew is wanted, this fact is simply telephoned to all the theaters, and the notice is flashed on the screen in some such form as "James Brown, Thomas Jones, William Black, and John White boarded for 10 p. m." This means that the men are scheduled to take out a freight train at the time given, but other details, of course, must be found out by the men from the regular train board at the railroad offices. The plan was originated with the idea of permitting the men off duty to seek recreation about the town without running the risk of being missed by the call boy when wanted.

By milling rails while they are still hot, "seaming," which causes many breakages, is eliminated.

*9285 *m**
**AUTOMOBILE CONVERTED
INTO RAILROAD CAR**

The latest feature in railroad inspection cars is a flanged steel tire that can be fitted securely over a pneumatic tire, thus making an ordinary automobile suitable for running on a railroad track, and a seven-passenger touring car equipped in this way is already in use on one of the leading American railroads. The steel tire has the tread and flange of a standard railroad tire, but is provided with a deep groove on the inner surface into which the pneumatic tire fits. The pneumatic tire is first partly deflated and the steel tire is slipped over it, after which the pneumatic tire is inflated until it comes to a firm bearing in the groove of the steel tire. With this arrangement, the pneumatic tire serves its original purpose of absorbing the shock and vibration. When operating on the railroad track the steering gear is locked by clamping the steering knuckle, with the wheels lined up for going straight ahead. A set of four tires for application to 36 by 4½-in. pneumatic tires weighs



Seven-Passenger Touring Car Equipped with Steel Tires for Running on Railroad Track. These Tires are Easily Put On or Removed, So That the Car can be Used Either for Railroad or Highway Service



New Type of Stump Burner Which Leaves Only Ashes Behind

1,000 lb. As this additional weight is not carried on the springs, but merely rolls along the track, it has no detrimental effect on the running of the car, but aids in holding it to the rails when running at high speed.

NEW STUMP BURNER—USED FOR CLEARING LAND

To facilitate the work of clearing logged-off lands for agricultural purposes, a stump burner has been invented which eliminates much of the expense involved in the grubbing process and does not disturb the top soil, as in the case of dynamiting. The apparatus consists of an iron hood, which incloses the stump to be destroyed, and a motor-driven blower that is connected to it by a 4-in. air pipe. When a stump is to be removed, an auger hole is bored into it and a stick of dynamite employed to split it apart. Following this, the hood is placed over the stump and banked with earth at the bottom so as to prevent the heat from escaping. The wood is then ignited and the blower started, which throws a heavy down draft into the inclosure, fanning the blaze and hastening the consumption of the stump. During the operation the heat becomes so intense within the chamber that burning is completed within a comparatively short time. The device was recently used at Gladstone, Ore., on an old, damp stump,



This Stump was Completely Destroyed in Six Hours by the New Burner

4 ft. in height and 20 ft. in circumference at the base. In six hours' time the operation was finished at an expense of \$1.15. Five hoods may be attached to the blower at one time, and when this is done the expense of clearing land is correspondingly decreased. When a stump is consumed, the hood is removed and what fire remains covered with dirt, which allows the roots to burn out without the assistance of the blower.

MOTORCYCLE DRIVEN BY ELECTRIC MOTOR

An electrically driven motorcycle recently brought out in California is built exactly like an ordinary motorcycle, but has an electric motor in place of the usual gasoline engine. A stor-



This Motorcycle is Driven by an Electric Motor, Power being Supplied by a Compact Storage Battery

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er, 376 W. 7th St., San Jose,
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 519 Broadway, Portland, Oregon
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 # Paul J. Bailey
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age battery of compact design, which carries a large reserve of electric power in proportion to its size, is clamped above the motor and furnishes the current for operation. The power is trans-

mitted to the rear wheel in the usual way by chain and sprocket. It is reported that this novel machine is capable of making a speed of about 25 miles an hour.

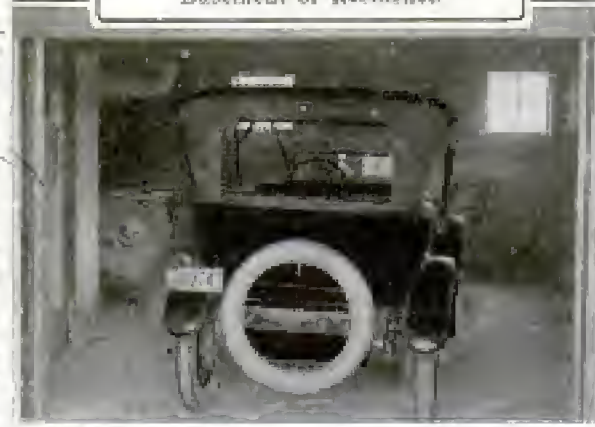
GARAGE IN BASEMENT OF 8803th RESIDENCE

By constructing a driveway leading down from the street to the basement of his residence, an automobilist pro-

entering or leaving. Outside the entrance is a concrete floor on which the car is washed in case there is more mud than the driver cares to take into the basement. This floor is also provided with a catch basin connecting with the sewer.



Entrance to Garage Located in
Basement of Residence



With the Car Stowed Away in the Garage There Is
Plenty of Room for Cleaning and Repairing

vided himself with a garage that is both convenient and economical. One advantage in this garage is that it is heated by the same furnace that supplies heat for the residence. The floor is sloped to drain into a catch basin in the corner so that when the car is washed the water drains into the sewer. The entrance is 16 ft. long and has a drop of 3½ ft. in this distance. This slope runs to the door of the garage, which is of such height as to give the top of the car sufficient clearance when

CUTTING MARBLE COLUMNS FOR LINCOLN MEMORIAL

The columns for the classic portico of the Lincoln Memorial at Washington, for which Congress some time ago appropriated \$2,000,000, are being made in Colorado from white marble taken from the quarries in the Sopris National Forest Reserve. Thirty-eight columns, each of which will be 46 ft. in height and weigh approximately 192 tons, are being made in 12 sections, or drums, crated and shipped to the capital. In making these drums, which themselves weigh about 16 tons, the blocks of marble are lined in a row and cut into uniform thicknesses. This is done with a wire saw which extends along a line of blocks and cuts them into equal sizes in a single operation. After this sizing is completed the blocks are placed beneath an instrument known as a "barrel," where they are cut into cylindrical form. This "barrel" is a hollow drum which cuts its way into the marble as it is revolved rapidly, sawing out the cylindrical piece. When this operation is finished, the marble is placed in a large lathe, where it is turned and trimmed so that its two ends will join evenly with the surfaces of the sections placed below and above it in the column. The fluting is done by means of carborundum wheels, hand rubbing and polishing. The memorial monument is to be erected on the Mall, near Maryland Avenue, and close to the banks of the Potomac.

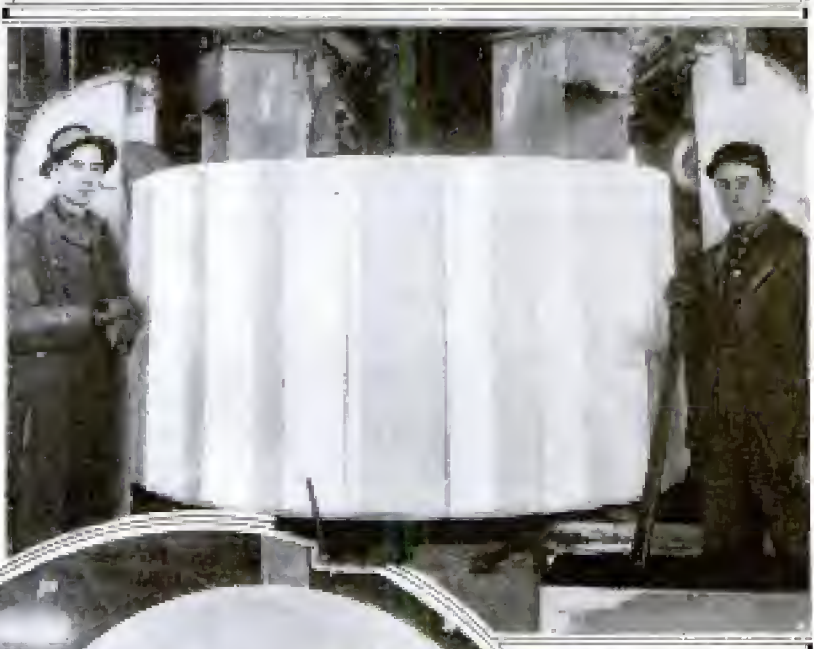
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Marble Blocks being Cut into Uniform Sizes by Means of a Wire Saw Which Passes through the Entire Line of Stone



Large Carborundum Wheels are Used to Flute the Drums of Marble and Get Them Ready for the Hand Polishers to Complete the Work



The Drums are Turned on This Lathe Until Trimmed to Fit One upon the Other When Finally Set Up in Column Form



After being Sized, the Marble is Cut by a "Barrel" into Large Cylinders Which are Later Fluted and Polished



This Shows the Last Stage in the Work. The Two Drums Shown Here are being Polished and Fitted

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FLAGS MADE OF HOME-GROWN

9300 *m* COTTON

As a result of experiments now being conducted on board the revenue cutters "Apache" and "Seminole" home-grown cotton may be adopted instead of imported wool for making the flags used not only by the new coast-

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JEFFREY MFG. CO., COLUMBUS, OHIO ELECTRIC MACHINES IN COAL

8609 MINING

Electric power is becoming a more important factor every day in the operation of up-to-date coal mines, this class of power being used not only for transportation but for the actual mining as well. One of the latest of electrical machines for mining is the overcutting machine, in service in some of the mines of Pennsylvania for cutting horizontal grooves several feet



Using the Drum and Cable to Haul Loaded Car Out of a Room



Overcutting Machine in Operation

guard service, but by the navy as well. Cotton has not been used in the past for making flags employed in the government service, because of the tendency of the fabric to stiffen after wetting and the difficulty in obtaining colors that are "fast" and will not fade under continual exposure to the sun and rain. The present experiments are being carried out to test the qualities of cotton made by a new process of carding and weaving designed to overcome these disadvantages. One of the advantages claimed for cotton flags made by this process is that they will not fray out as quickly as those made of wool hunting. If the new fabric meets the expectations of the maker, it will constitute a big step in the "Made in America" movement.



This 25-Ton Electric Locomotive Handles the Entire Output of the Mine against a Grade of 132 Feet to the Mile

deep in the face of the vein preparatory to blasting out the coal. The cutting is done by tools carried on an endless chain which works in a metal frame supported on the machine. This frame, with

its cutters, can be raised and lowered, or swung, to cut in any direction, as required. Transportation of the coal within the mine is practically all by electric power. The electric locomotive for this work is equipped with a drum and cable used mainly for hauling cars out of rooms to a point where a coupling with the locomotive can be made. Electric locomotives of another type are used for transporting the coal from the mine tipples to the railroad in cases where, on account of excessive grades or curvature, a railroad spur cannot be built to the mine.

A motion-picture laboratory for producing educational films is maintained by the United States Department of Agriculture.



Mount Mitchell Monument After Dynamiters had Destroyed It

MOUNT MITCHELL MONUMENT 9269 m DESTROYED

An act of vandalism committed for no apparent reason was the destruction by dynamite on the night of Dec. 28, 1914, of the monument erected 26 years ago, on the summit of Mt. Mitchell, North Carolina, to mark the grave of Dr. Elisha Mitchell, who lost his life while exploring the mountain. This mountain stands 6,711 ft. above sea level and is the highest peak east of the Rocky Mountains. The monument was 12 ft. high with a base 30 in. square. It was made of a composition of lead and zinc, and was carried in sections on mule back over the mountains from Asheville to be erected over the grave of the explorer. Near the summit of the mountain is a cabin occupied by a caretaker. On the night the act was committed, a charge of dynamite was first exploded in the yard in front of the cabin, evidently for the purpose of terrorizing the caretaker. A few minutes later a heavier explosion was heard on the summit and on the following morning the monument was found to have been destroyed. A movement is now under way for replacing the old monument with a new one built of granite.

THE ECONOMICAL SPEED FOR 9309 m AUTOMOBILES

That a speed of about 20 miles an hour is the most advantageous seems to have been shown by a close study of the economics of automobile operation. This speed is a safe one for driving on ordinary roads, and for touring, or distance driving, is about the least that the average motorist will care to employ. Actual tests with sev-

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Monument on Mount Mitchell, the Highest Peak East of the Rockies

eral types of cars have shown that a speed of 20 miles an hour results in the greatest economy in fuel, and that an increase of about 16 per cent in fuel consumption per mile may be expected when this speed is either increased or diminished by eight or nine miles an hour.

GERMAN TOYS FOR WAR TIME

9208 m.

THESE pictures show two war toys now popular in Germany. The one at the right represents a Russian going through the process of being hung, while the other, worked by a bulb and tube, represents a German soldier bringing in a French prisoner.



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CUP TROPHY FOR ARMY 9051 *m* FLIERS



PRESIDENT'S BARGE FOR 9276 PANAMA CANAL OPENING

m The power-driven barge in which President Wilson will lead the procession of ships that is to pass through the Panama Canal at the formal opening in May has been completed and by this time is probably on board a battleship on its way to the Canal Zone. The barge was built at the Kittery Navy Yard at Portsmouth, N. H., and although built with the utmost care and richly finished, its construction was completed in the record time of six

weeks. It is 40 ft. long, and the metal finishings throughout are of coin silver, while the pit in which the president will travel is covered with a bullet-proof shield of steel. On its trial trip the barge made a speed of $24\frac{1}{4}$ miles an hour.

REPRODUCE BASEBALL GAME 2418 *H* ON ELECTRIC BOARD

An electrical baseball board which indicates each play as it is enacted on a field during the course of a game, has been built by an Omaha, Neb., inventor and shown in one of the local theaters. The outline of the diamond is represented by rows of white lights and each baseman by a white and blue light, while the other positions are designated similarly. At the right and left of the catcher's position are two "foul" lamps, one of which ignites when the batter knocks a foul ball. When the game is started the pitcher's light glows until the ball leaves his hand. The lamp at the catcher's position lights when the ball is received there. When it is batted to the right field, for instance, the fact is shown by the lighting of that fielder's lights; a white one appearing if the ball is caught, and a blue one showing in case of an error in play. The runner is followed around the bases by a succession of advancing flashes along the rows of lamps reaching between the different points on the diamond. At one side of the board strikes, balls, outs, and runs are shown



Forty-Foot Mahogany Barge with Coin-Silver Trimmings and Bullet-Proof Cockpit, for President Wilson's Use in Opening the Panama Canal

Geo. A. Walton
3 Lenny's Court,
Newbury, Mass.

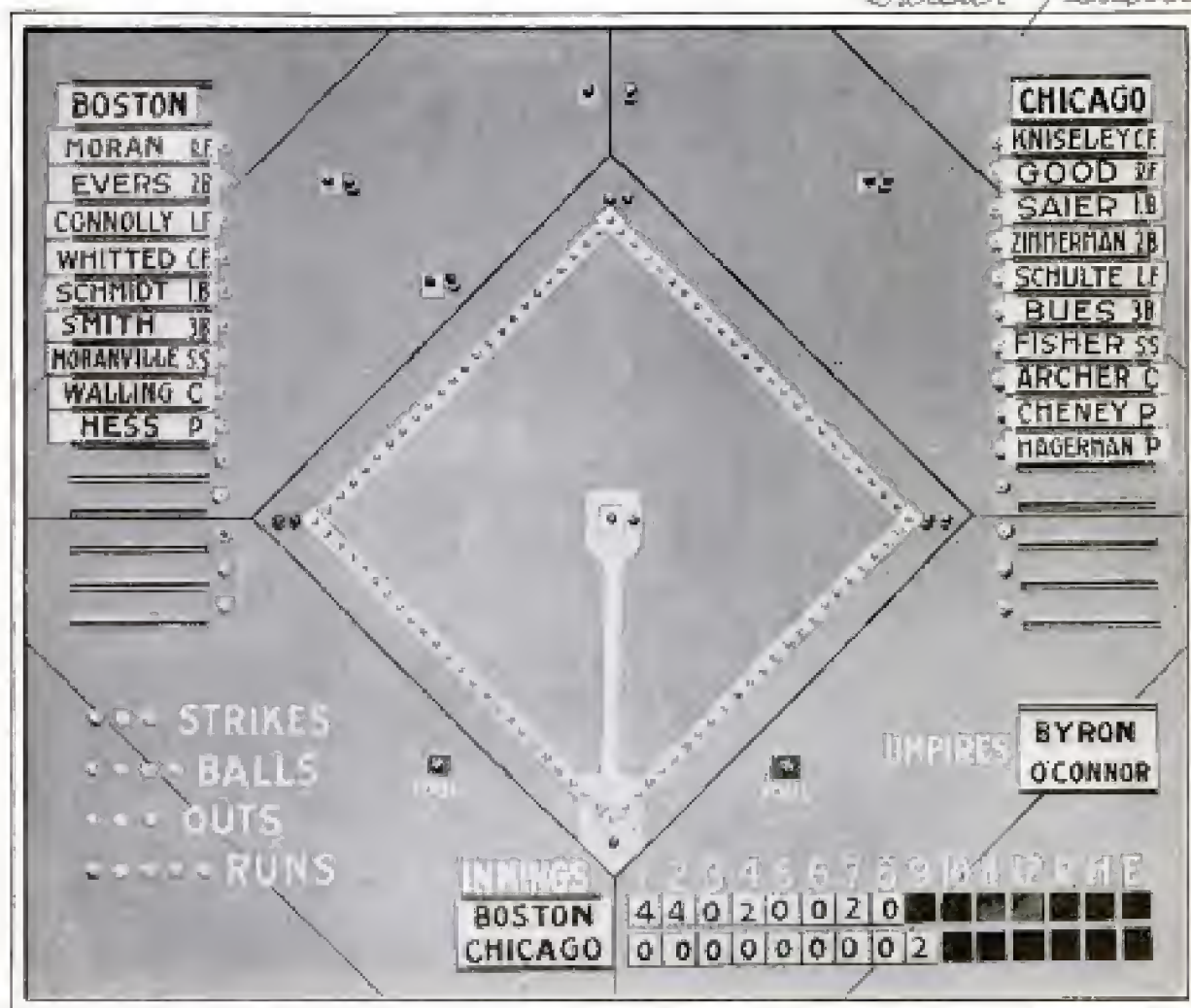
A. C. Long, Omaha Bee, Omaha, Neb.

Inventor: Chas. Franke, 2912 Harney St., Omaha, Neb.

POPULAR MECHANICS

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Patent pending



Electric Baseball Board upon Which Every Move in the Course of a Game is Faithfully Reproduced

by electric lights, while the line-up of players, and other details, are shown as on an ordinary score board. The spectators follow a game without needing a word of explanation, knowing all the time who is at bat, who are playing the various positions, and what is taking place. When a batter knocks the ball to shortstop and starts for first base, the shortstop's light ignites, and the base-line bulbs flash rapidly one after the other. If the runner is put out, a light appears at the base he is approaching before he reaches it. When a man takes a base on balls, the lights ignite slowly, one after the other, to indicate a walk. Even all the moves of base stealing are reproduced.

Telephone lines are to be extended to Tromsø, Norway, 200 miles north of the arctic circle.

NEW VEHICLE DRIVEN BY 8934_m AERIAL PROPELLER

A new vehicle capable of making 25 miles an hour, which is driven by an aerial propeller and is designated by the maker as a "wind wagon," is made up almost entirely of motorcycle and cyclecar parts. The frame of the car is of ash, and on the rear of this frame is mounted a 4-hp. motorcycle engine.

This "Wind Wagon," Made Up of Motorcycle and Cyclecar Parts, Is Capable of Making 25 Miles an Hour



Edna Vance
322 Spear St.,
Logansport, Ind.

The wheels are of the cyclecar type, and the brake is a hardwood block which works in a V-belt pulley on the rear wheels. The aerial propeller is 40 in. in diameter and is driven by a V-belt. The car has an 80-in. wheel base and a tread of 36 inches.

"JITNEY BUS" A NEW RIVAL OF THE STREET CAR

Although a new feature in city transportation, the "jitney bus" has come into such popularity, particularly in cities of the Pacific coast, that it is proving a serious rival to the service of the street-car companies and is fur-



Types of the "Jitney Bus," the New Means of City Travel in the West

nishing some knotty problems for the municipalities themselves. The "jitney bus" is simply an automobile that carries passengers for five cents. "Jitney" is a slang term of uncertain origin used for years on the Bowery in New York, and meaning a five-cent nickel coin. In Portland, Seattle, Los Angeles, and the cities of San Francisco Bay, there were nearly 3,000 automobiles engaged in this service in January, 1915, with the number constantly increasing, and the minimum daily earnings of these cars aggregated about \$19,000. As a result of this competition, the street railways of Los An-

geles are cutting down some of the runs and taking off cars. Now the "jitney bus" has been introduced in Denver, Kansas City, Mo., and Des Moines, Ia., and is rapidly making its way eastward.

While the popularity of this means of transportation is doubtless due in some degree to its novelty, it is to be accounted for mainly by the fact that the "jitney bus" takes on and discharges passengers at the curb, can thread its way through the traffic and thus avoid delays and blockades, and can even go off its regular route for the accommodation of its passengers. The "jitney bus" has therefore apparently come to stay, but it has brought some problems with it. The congestion of street traffic is increased enormously. In Los Angeles it is not an uncommon thing, when the crossing whistle blows, for a string of from 20 to 40 "jitney busses" to start over a crossing, blocking everything until they pass. Many of the cars are operated by persons who have no financial resources, other than the ownership of the car, so that pedestrians or passengers injured have practically no redress. Suitable indemnity bonds as a condition for the issuance of a license are now being considered in San Francisco and Los Angeles. Automobiles of every size and description, ranging from the big bus capable of seating 56 persons to the little machine with a seating capacity of five, are used in this service. During the rush hours the cars are operated at much more than their seating capacity, with passengers standing on the running boards, and it is estimated that in Los Angeles many of the owners of little cars, bought at secondhand for a few hundred dollars, are making a clear profit of more than \$10 a day.

At an electric dinner given in Toledo, each guest was provided with an electric grill, electric chafing dish and electric coffee percolator, and cooked his own food at the table. Baked potatoes were supplied from an electric oven, and cigars lighted with individual electric lighters.

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FIGHTING TOP A MEMORIAL

9303 *m* TO "MAINE" VICTIMS

The fighting top of the battleship "Maine," recovered from the sunken vessel when it was raised from the bottom of Havana Harbor, has been erected and dedicated in Arlington cemetery, Washington, D. C., as a memorial to the officers and men who lost their lives with the sinking of the battleship. The fighting top is exactly the same as it was at the time of the disaster, but a new turret has been built at the base of the mast.

COMBATING OCEAN
WAVES WITH COM-
9288 *m* PRESSED AIR

For the protection of the Atlantic coast against the severe storms which are annually battering its beaches and working incalculable damage to towns and resorts from New England to North Carolina, an eastern engineer has evolved a plan for

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combating the ocean waves with com-

pressed air. The idea consists of the construction of a virtual "air breakwater" which will dissipate the breakers by setting up a flow of air bubbles at right angles to the wave undulations. This would be accomplished by laying a 4-in. perforated pipe a short distance from the shore along the stretch of beach to be protected. It would be placed on the bottom at right angles to the sweep of the breakers with a connecting line running to an air compressor on the beach. The plan is not a totally untried one. Actual tests of it have been conducted at Crotch Island, Maine, where an experimental plant was constructed some time ago. According to reports the waves were running so high that the spray from them was breaking over the tops of the trees along the shore when the air was turned into the pipes. Within a very few minutes the water between the shore line and the

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Barnes & Brown Co.*



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Fighting Top of the "Maine" Erected in Arlington Cemetery, Washington, D. C., as a Memorial to the Officers and Men Who Lost Their Lives with the Sinking of the Battleship in Havana Harbor

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air breakwater was calm, while the sea beyond was as turbulent as ever. The plan is one which seems to be feasible where the expense of maintenance is not an important item for consideration.

NOVEL SIGN ADVERTISES

8992 LAND SALE

Of the many methods of advertising resorted to by real-estate men in southern California, where the sale of land and homes forms one of the biggest features in business, the sign



Novel Sign Used in Southern California for Advertising Sale of Home Sites

shown in the illustration is one of the latest and most ingenious. The little bungalow that surmounts the sign looks very much like part of a modern "full-grown" bungalow. It is 3 ft. in width, 2 ft. in height, and about 12 in. in thickness, and is painted gray. The eaves have extensions of 6 in., and the chimney is of modern design. This tiny bungalow rests on a light wooden framework. On each side is a blackboard on which are listed prices and other features of the tract of land that the sign advertises.

PAINTING BROOKLYN BRIDGE TASK FOR HUMAN SPIDERS.

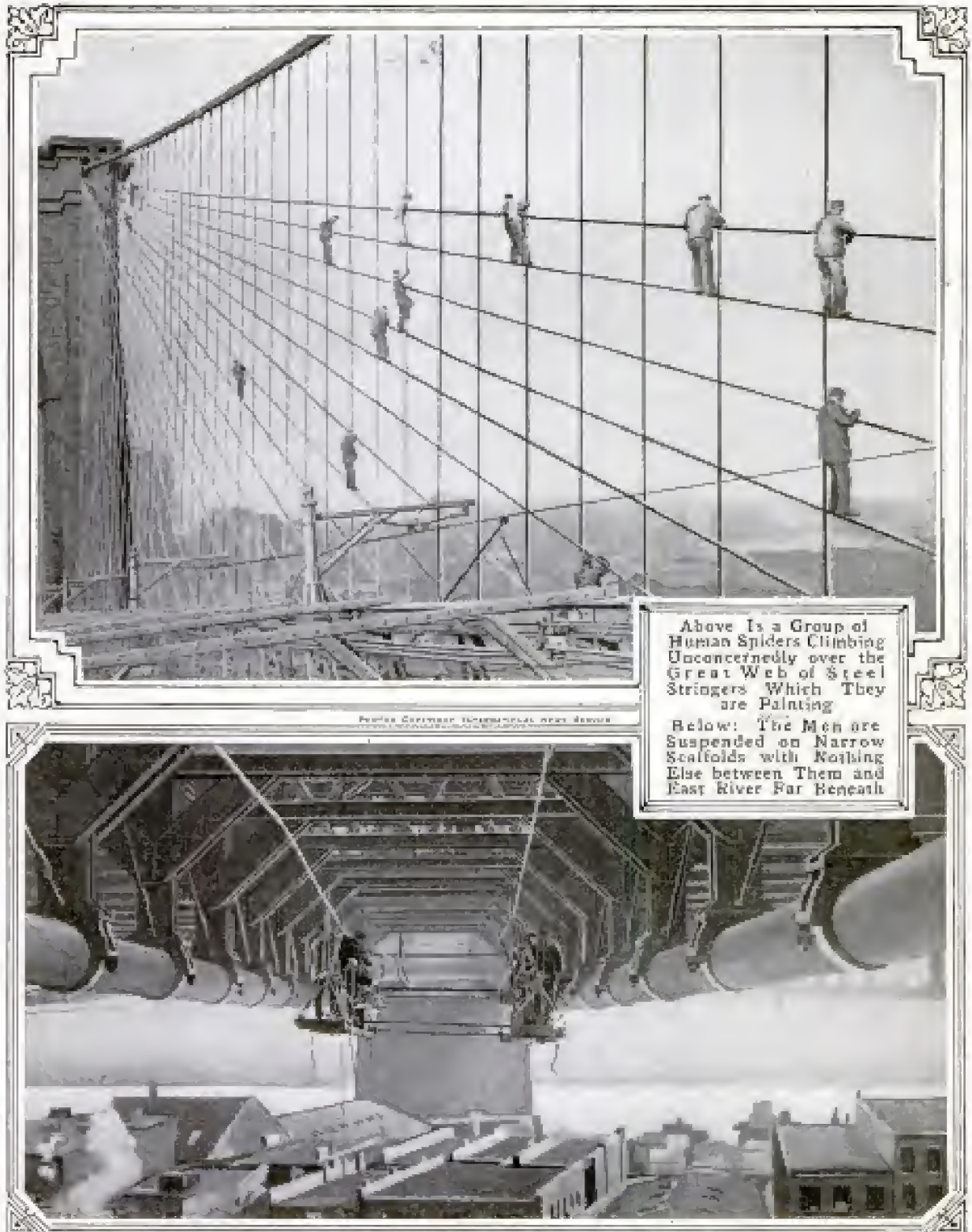
8997 Every three or four years it becomes necessary to paint the Brooklyn bridge in order to prevent the corrosion and deterioration of its structural members. This is a task which requires the services of a small army of "human spiders," who climb about over the web of cables and stringers with almost as much composure and agility as if they were insects instead of men.

With buckets and brushes they cling in the network, swinging in the wind as the constant stream of traffic surges across the East River. Between them and the river beneath there is more than 200 ft. of space, and the cables.

Every exposed strand and spot of the whole structure must be painted, so the men scramble over the cables until they reach the topmost point of the great towers, which extend 272 ft. above the water, and finally end up on the scaffolds suspended beneath the structure where the mastsheads of passing vessels scrape under the plankings, sometimes missing them by a margin of only a few inches. This work continues usually for six or eight months before it is completed, and costs approximately \$50,000.

Approximately 112,000 lb. of paint are used in covering the structure. In the past the painting was carried on almost continuously because the work was undertaken by a smaller staff. Recently, however, the bridge-painting force has been consolidated for economic and efficiency reasons, so the work may be done now in less time and at a greater saving than heretofore. More precautions for the safety of the men are now being taken than in the past, and during the recent repainting of the bridge not a single accident occurred, a record never before made.

The bridge was opened in 1883, and from then until 1904 it was the only means of transportation over the East River between Manhattan and Brooklyn, aside from the ferries. For years



Above Is a Group of Human Spiders Climbing Unconcernedly over the Great Web of Steel Stringers Which They are Painting

Below: The Men are Suspended on Narrow Scaffolds with Nothing Else between Them and East River Far Beneath

it was the largest suspension bridge in the world, but it is now surpassed by the Williamsburg bridge, a mile or so farther north, in both total length and clear span. Its length is 6,016 ft. against 7,308 ft. of the newer structure. It has four supporting cables, each of which is $15\frac{3}{4}$ in. in diameter and is

composed of 5,296 galvanized, oil-coated wires. These are laid parallel with each other and wrapped with steel wire into a solid cylinder. The total length of the wire contained in them is 14,361 miles, while their weight amounts to 3,600 tons. The trains, cars, vehicles, and passengers passing

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over the four East River bridges, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Williamsburg, and Queens Borough, every 24 hours weigh approximately 121,000 tons; while the whole United States army could march across Brooklyn bridge in one hour and 33 minutes.

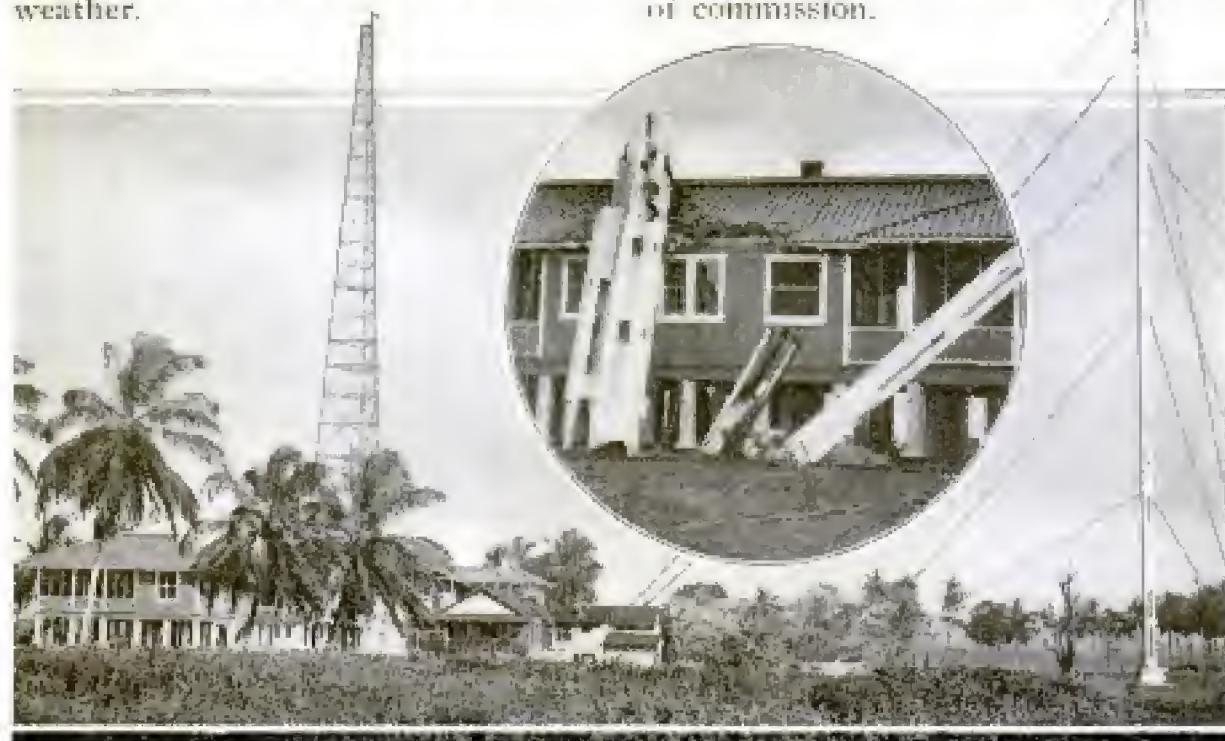
KEEPING BUILDING WARM WITH STORED HEAT

German engineers, confronted with the problem of warming an old castle in which there was no heating equipment, found a novel method of accomplishing the object sought. The building was to be used for a state dinner, and it was stipulated that no part of the heating system should be visible. For several days previous to the occasion, the floor of the banquet hall was thickly covered with steam pipes, which were connected to a temporary boiler. The heat was allowed to reach a high degree until a short time before the dinner, when all the steam pipes were removed. The heat which had been absorbed by the heavy walls of the building proved sufficient to keep the place in a comfortable condition for a period of several days during freezing weather.

WRECK OF WIRELESS MAST

9205 m AT COLON

During a storm that occurred in March, 1914, one of the wooden wireless masts at Colon, Canal Zone, was struck by lightning and considerably damaged. Temporary repairs were made, and the mast was kept in service for several months until arrangements could be made for building two steel towers, one of which was to occupy the site of the damaged wooden tower. While the old mast was being taken down it buckled at the center and collapsed, killing two men who were working at a distance of about 125 ft. above the ground. The old masts, three in number, were erected about nine years ago and were 212 ft. high, while the plant had a range of 1,000 miles. The new towers are each 300 ft. high, and are connected with apparatus for local and long-distance transmission. With the long-distance apparatus in operation these towers will have a range of over 3,000 miles. This station will be able to handle all the work now done at Darien in case the wireless station at that point is out of commission.



New Steel Tower for Wireless Station at Colon and Wreckage of Wooden Mast That Collapsed While being Taken Down



The Open-Air Theater Partially Completed: The Stage Consists of a Blue-Grass Lawn That Is Illuminated by Footlights Set in a Concrete Trench

LAWN MADE INTO OPEN-AIR 8796 m THEATER

Novel features are to be included in an open-air theater that is being built for a northern college. The stage is a blue-grass lawn, 75 by 150 ft., set with elm trees and illuminated by footlights placed in a concrete trench. The amphitheater, which is to be equipped with temporary benches, will accommodate 3,000 persons. Extensive electrical effects are provided for in the plans. Decorative shrubbery is to be set out on the stage, and a box hedge will serve to mark the outline of the raised amphitheater. Drainage is to be provided for by cesspools. This theater is intended principally for open-air productions of Shakespeare's plays.

CUTLERY STEEL THAT WILL 9307 m NOT TARNISH

Steel made by a new process and said to be nonrusting, unstainable and untarnishable, has been brought out by an English firm. It is especially adapted to use in making table cutlery, the claim being made that it retains its polish indefinitely with use, even when brought in contact with acid foods. The cost of this steel is about double that of ordinary steel.

LAST MONUMENT SET ON 9277 m CANADA BOUNDARY

The last of the permanent monuments marking the boundary between the United States and Canada from Lake of the Woods to the Pacific Ocean was set in January, 1915, and with the setting of this monument a work that has been going on intermittently for nearly 100 years was brought to a close. As early as 1818, a joint commission was appointed to establish the line between the two countries, but it was not until 1874 that the last post was set. These posts were of wood, and in 1908 it was arranged to re-mark the boundary with permanent monuments and to place them sufficiently close together to provide a clear view from one monument to the next.

Each of the new monuments consists of an aluminum-bronze post,



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made in three sections to facilitate transportation through the mountains. Each section weighs 65 lb., and when erected, the sections are held together by a steel rod passing through the center. The monuments are set in heavy concrete foundations. On the west faces of each monument in raised letters are the words "Canada" and "Convention of 1818," and on the east faces the words "United States" and "Treaty of 1908."

Great difficulty was experienced in setting many of the monuments. In some places the monuments and

the engineers had to be lowered with a rope down the face of a cliff, and it was frequently necessary to blast out holes in the solid rock to make a foundation for the post. The monument on the continental divide is 5,600 ft. above sea level, while there is one that stands 8,100 ft. above sea level. Monument No. 1 is on an island in the Pacific, monument No. 272 is on the continental divide, while monument No. 925 is on the shore of Lake of the Woods, which lies on the boundary line between Manitoba, Minnesota, and the province of Ontario.

SUBMARINE FOR RECOVERY OF SUNKEN TREASURE

A spherical submarine, now being built, apparently solves the problem of recovering treasure from ships sunk at great depths. This is the apparatus described and illustrated in an article entitled "Gathering Gold from the Ocean's Floor," that appeared in the June, 1913, number of this magazine, with which it was expected that depths as great as 1,000 ft. might be reached. At that time the submarine was simply an invention. Now it is not only being built, but is practically completed, and it is likely that before the end of the year this curious diving apparatus will be in actual use.

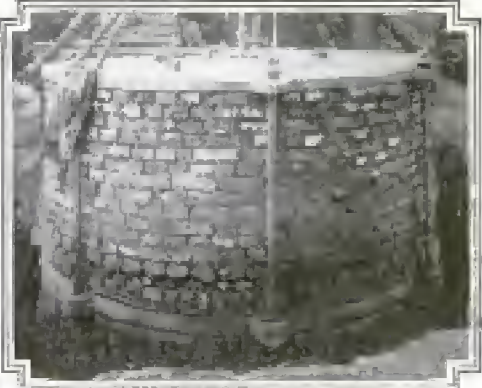
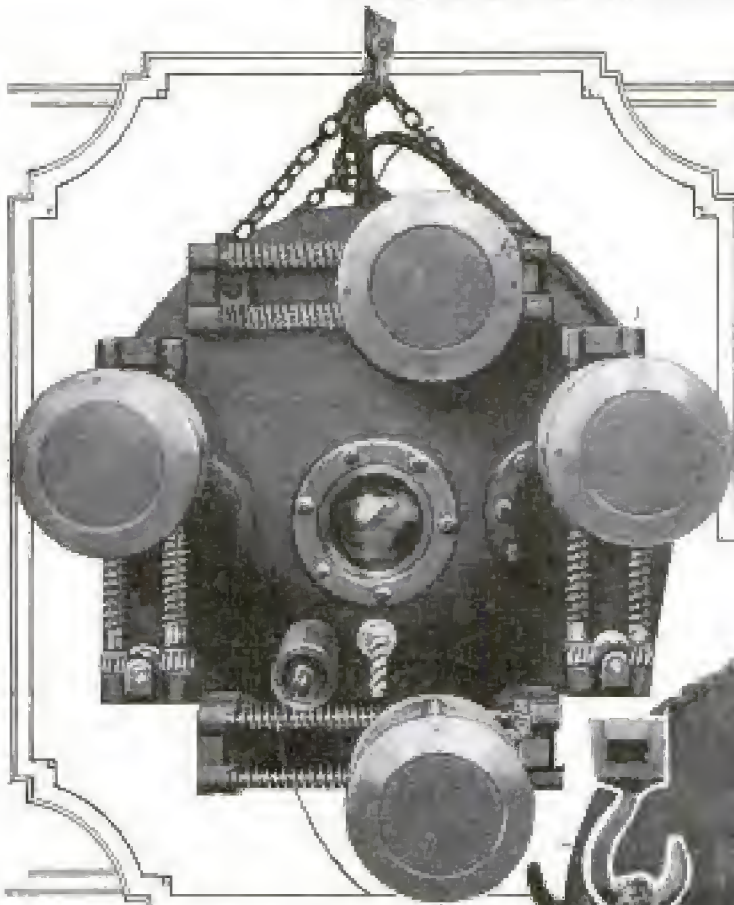
The new submarine consists of a steel sphere, 8 ft. in diameter and capable of carrying two workmen. It is designed to be lowered into the water from a tender, but is provided with electrically driven propellers by which it can be moved about in the water as it hangs at the end of the cable. One of its essential features is a set of four electromagnets which, when energized by current from the motors within the sphere, serve to hold it securely to the steel hull of a sunken ship. Current for operation is supplied through a cable running down from the tender. In addition to this equipment it will be provided with electric drills for piercing the side of a ship and with a powerful searchlight, for working purposes and for exploring the bed of the

ocean when the exact location of a sunken ship is not known.

In operation the submarine will be conveyed by a tender to a point above the sunken ship, and will then be lowered to the required depth at the end of a cable. By means of the propellers it will be possible for the observers within the submarine to drive it for a considerable distance, and with the aid of the searchlight the exact location of the hulk can be found. The next step will be to lower a large steel cylinder filled with sea water, but provided with a motor-driven pump for expelling the water after the cylinder has been attached to the hulk. The submarine is then moved in against the hull by means of the propellers and is secured to the side by the simple process of energizing the electromagnets. The apparatus is then in position for drilling. A hole is drilled through the steel plates of the sunken ship and into this a hook which is attached to a steel cable fixed to the cylinder is inserted. The submarine is shifted as required and additional holes are drilled until all the hooks hanging from the pontoon are made fast. This process is continued until a sufficient number of cylinders for raising the vessel have been attached. With this completed, the water is pumped out of the cylinders and the resulting buoyancy raises the vessel.

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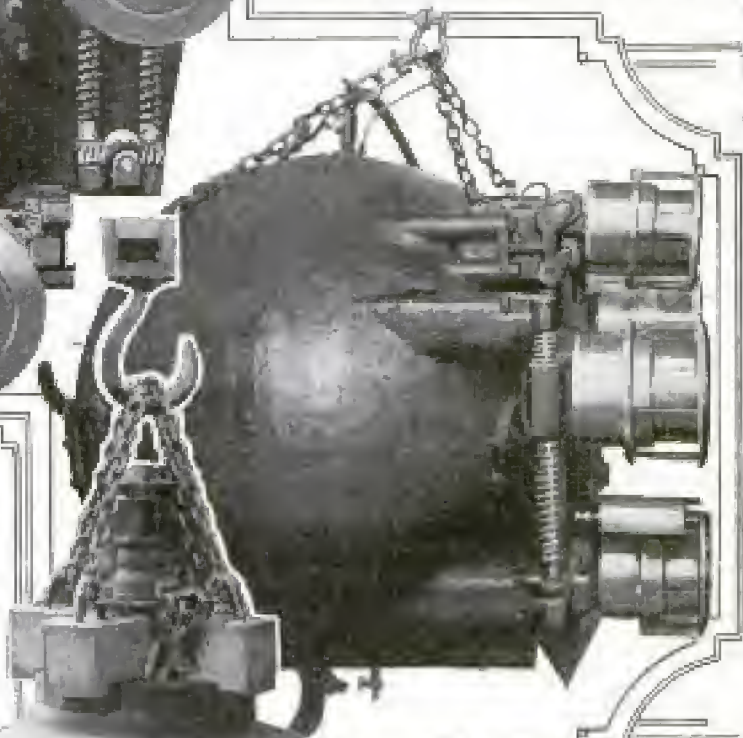
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Mold Used in Casting Eight-Foot Sphere That Forms the Hull of the Submarine

Front and Side Views of the Submarine for Deep-Sea Salvage: The Four Projecting Cylinders Are the Magnets Which, When Energized by Electric Current, Hold the Sphere Securely to the Side of a Steel Ship; These are Provided with Screw Adjustments, as Shown, so That the Sphere can be Shifted a Short Distance along the Side of the Ship without Releasing the Hold of the Magnets

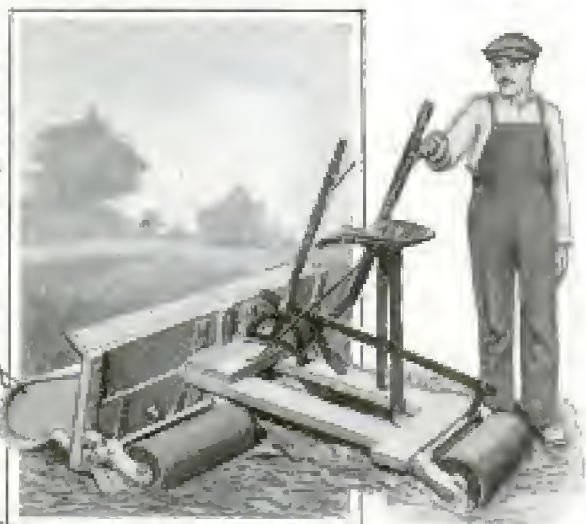
Below: Lifting the Sphere from the Mold After the Work of Casting had been Finished



NEW TYPE OF ROLLER

9026m SCRAPER

A roller scraper recently brought out in California has a wooden scraper board mounted on rollers in such a



The Scraper Board is Controlled by the Levers and can be Made to Dig into the Ground or to Deposit Earth as Required

way that it can be raised or lowered by controlling levers, placed in convenient reach of the operator's seat. This scraper is drawn by horses, and as the operator rides he can dig into the ground, or deposit earth as required, simply by manipulating the levers. The trailing rollers not only smooth down the earth, but make the pulling easier for the horses.

NEW FLYING BOATS FOR THE UNITED STATES NAVY

9330m In a call recently made by the Navy Department for bids for the construction of six flying boats, the specifications consisted only of an outline of the service requirements that the machines would be expected to meet, leaving the question of the type of machine and all details of construction to the inventive genius of the bidders. The general requirements are for a machine capable of carrying a pilot

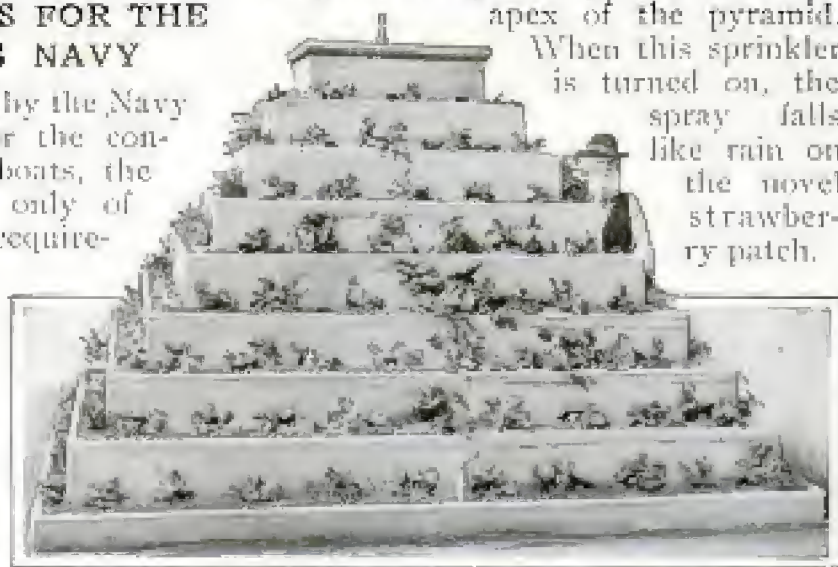
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and observer and having a weight allowance for a gun and ammunition, protective armor, and all necessary tools. The machine must have a range of speed of from 50 to at least 80 miles an hour, must be capable of sustained flight at full speed for four hours, and must be able to climb at the rate of 250 ft. a minute for the first 10 minutes, and to glide at an angle of 6 to 1, while control and stability must be such that flying in a wind of 35 miles an hour will be practicable and safe. In addition to these requirements, the machine must have a turning radius of 40 yd., must be able to get off the water and to alight safely under ordinary conditions on the open sea, and to ride at anchor or adrift without danger of capsizing.

GROWING STRAWBERRIES IN A CONCRETE PYRAMID

9185 In a hollow pyramid built of concrete a western farmer grows a large crop of strawberries on a comparatively small area. The pyramid built up in eight tiers, or steps, is hollow and filled with earth. About a foot apart in each step are small holes out of which the strawberry plants grow, the foliage and berries covering the sun-heated surface and maturing quickly. Irrigation is accomplished by a sprinkler at the apex of the pyramid.

When this sprinkler is turned on, the spray falls like rain on the novel strawberry patch.



Novel Concrete Pyramid Used by a Western Farmer for Growing Strawberries

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COMMENT AND REVIEW

FROM very earliest Bible times down to the present day, the human race have been meat eaters, when they could get it. Vegetarians have propounded their theories, and pointed to long life as a reward for abstaining from flesh, but the red-corpuscled, hungry man will not forsake his meat to any perceptible extent. On the contrary, modern methods of canning and cold storage have brought the shipment of meats to such a high degree of certainty and perfection, its consumption has greatly increased. City dwellers are large consumers, and our cities have doubled in population in the past generation, while our export trade has grown from almost nothing to immense proportions during the period named.

Future Meat Supply

While this demand has been increasing, the system under which our beef was produced has largely vanished. Twenty years ago millions of acres of western range were as free to use as the air, and ranchers and cattle companies by the hundreds grazed their stock by the tens of thousands. These vast herds, advancing leisurely, slowly grazed their way from one good feeding ground to another; and, after a herd was once started, the comparatively trifling cost of herding was all it cost, while the production and shipping went on year after year. Now conditions are radically changed. The vast ranges have been surveyed, sold, fenced, and passed from government ownership to individuals. It is no longer possible to drive the herds from one feeding place to another, both on account of obstructions and inability to graze while on the way.

The evident readjustment must come through a reversal of the former system. Instead of one man marketing 5,000 head a year, there will be 5,000 owners producing each one beef per year. Some farmers, of course, will market more, but the great, reliable, steady flow of beef production will ultimately go to the packing houses in a vast stream made up of innumerable small branches. Under these conditions one or two beeves will live on what is now practically going to waste, and with the extra care which usually is given small units the weight and quality will profit. There will still be some cattle kings in each of the western states, but a great abundance can be maintained indefinitely through a million small producers.



THE man with an income of more than \$4,000 has been going through his annual attack of income-tax report; like the influenza it grows worse each year. Contrary to a somewhat general belief, the small percentage of citizens thus honored do not whine and fuss so much about the tax itself—most of them pay it even cheerfully—but they do fume and blow up at the complications, exasperations, and impossibilities imposed. As an exhibit of crude, inconsistent, and amateurish complexities this latest report is a "masterpiece of incompetence," as a leading daily expresses it. A well-known lawyer, after trying to fathom the law,

The Income Tax

gave it up in despair with the remark, "It is impossible to understand its meaning save by consulting a palmist."

As interpreted by the department it is a case, for the government, of heads I win, tails you lose. For instance, a man in moderate circumstances sells a piece of land at a profit. That profit must be declared as a part of his income for the year. That's all right. But, should he through necessity be compelled to sell that same land, and, in order to raise money, be forced to sell at an actual loss, then he cannot deduct from his net income for the year that loss, *unless* he is a recognized real-estate dealer, speculating in property as well as making sales for other people. In other words, he practically pays a tax on his loss. The same ruling applies to sales of all other things in which the seller is not a recognized dealer, be it stocks, bonds, hay, grain, or whatever it may.

The government also imposes an unfair burden in making its collections. Thousands of small investors and widows who do not pay any tax, but cash the interest coupon at a bank, cause a lot of work which the bank must do at its own expense. The holder of a \$5 interest coupon wants to cash it. Stores will not take it as money. The holder goes to a bank. In order to comply, the bank must first get a signed statement that the client has or has not an income in excess of \$3,000. The bank makes no charge for cashing the coupon, but must do a lot of bookkeeping for the government. One bank in Chicago alone spent \$6,500 last year for clerks to do this work.

The foregoing is not a discussion of the justice or merits of the tax, but offers only a suggestion of the numerous inconsistencies in the government's method of applying and collecting the tax. No time should be lost in revising the law, which was passed hastily and without suitable consideration, and providing in its stead one which shall be as definite and consistent as the regulations governing the payment of customs, tobacco, and spirits taxes.



IT would take a large book to contain the insurance laws of all the states, for legislation of this character has been varied and prolific. The courts are constantly used in the settlement of fire losses, and

*Sensible
Insurance
Law*

the adjusters wax fat on both the companies and the insured. It has apparently remained for the State of Florida to enact a fire-insurance law that is based on sound principles and at one stroke cuts out litigation and leaves no room for dispute; and as for adjusters, professional or otherwise, why, there is little they can do. All this sounds too good to be true, but it is, and the scheme is so simple the wonder is that every state does not have one just like it.

The Florida fire-insurance law reads that when a policyholder has a fire loss, the company must pay. If, for instance, you own a building worth only \$5,000 and you can get an agent to issue a policy for \$10,000, and the building burns, you recover your \$10,000, providing, of course, the company cannot prove you are guilty of arson. The total

destruction of an insured property must be paid for at whatever amount your policy calls for. And there is probably less arson in Florida than in any other state.

The whole procedure is logical. The companies cannot take chances in appointing careless, dishonest, or irresponsible agents. The agent, in order to hold his agency, does not sell policies as a dealer hands out cigars over a counter. He exercises a lot of caution. He will not issue a policy unless he knows something of the party insured, and he personally examines the building or goods and satisfies himself the property is worth the amount the insured desires. Thus, policies for fictitious amounts are not written, for what is written must be paid. On the other hand, the insured is not allowed or induced to pay premiums on amounts which could not be recovered in other states.

This maximum liability tends to decrease fires, for the agent must keep his record up to a certain standard or the company gets another in his place. The local agent becomes a sort of inspector. He has to be constantly watchful; and when he discovers a client is becoming careless and taking chances which might lead to a fire, the agent cautions such a party and threatens to cancel his policy. This eternal vigilance at both ends of the insurance policy is automatically maintained, for both the company and its agents are anxious to stay in the business. And as for the honest policyholder, he knows at all times exactly what his protection is, and, should he burn, just what he will receive.



MANY of the states have enacted laws governing child labor, and the evils of child life in factories have been largely corrected. In the cotton mills of the South the evil still exists to a considerable extent, with small prospect of relief from state legislatures. Child-welfare workers finally hit on a plan which at this writing seems likely to carry, having already passed the House and being in the hands of a Senate committee. The bill provides that no manufactured goods made in part or whole by child labor shall be received for transportation by interstate commerce lines.

*Child-
Labor
Law*

This practically puts an embargo on the use of child labor, as none of the southern mills could exist with sales confined to its own state.

In the factory towns where child labor has been employed, one does not have to be an expert to pick out the young men and women who began factory work too young. The pale face, anaemic condition, stooping shoulders, and weak physique stamp unmistakably those who were robbed of their right to become strong and healthy during those growing years when the foundations must be laid for a lifetime, be that long or short. In many cases, parents, who wanted the earnings, have been as much or more to blame as the factory management, but, whatever the reason or excuse, the practice is all wrong and it is to be hoped the pending bill will effectually remedy the evil for all time.

*Spring
and
Hope*

AS children and adults, we look forward to the coming of Spring with renewed hope. Even though the Autumn means the gathering of harvests, the fulfillment of hopes, a something accomplished, it does not afford that renewed action and awakening to effort that the softening breezes, gentle showers and mild skies of Spring call to life. A great planting is in progress. In the South much of it has already been done, and like a vast wave is sweeping from Gulf to Lakes. Probably never in our history have so many acres been plowed and planted as this year, for we have not only ourselves but other lands to feed. We look and hope for an unprecedented yield. That's encouraging.

The railroads, having secured the rate increase so long withheld, are striving to float loans and secure the money necessary to repair their roads and rolling stock, long neglected. Already a total of \$40,000,000 to be spent in this way is announced, and the result is car shops are opening their long-closed doors and many a small plant which has been idle for months is getting ready to resume and furnish the specialties they manufacture. That's hopeful.

The steel mills have sent out the welcome news, and thousands of workmen who have been idle all Winter now hasten each morning toward the goal of their dependence. Not all are needed yet, by any means, but the number is increasing every week. That helps.

The shelves of the country dealer are as nearly empty as possible; so are the storage rooms of the wholesaler and jobber. Yet they have been able to weather the gale, for the failures have been remarkably few in number; there is no inflation in merchandising, and once the tide turns, as it must inevitably do one of these days, the wires will almost melt with the frantic appeals to hurry up orders and shipments. The factories will be working night and day and the wheels of commerce will merrily turn again. All this is no dream, but the inevitable. Some unforeseen cog may slip and occasion some delay, but signs surely do point to a splendid resumption of business from now on. That's promising.

What's the matter with us, anyway? Big crops for two years and now wartime prices for grain and the money piling up in the banks. The deposits in Chicago banks alone increased \$90,000,000 the first six weeks of 1915. We are better off than we know, stronger than we realize. We have not lost our skill, nor initiative, nor vitality. We're scared. We are like a lot of people at a funeral: the service is over, it's time to go, everybody wants to leave, and each hesitates to be the first to start. The "buy it now" and the "build it now" and a lot of "do it nows" are all right. While our sympathies for others in distress naturally depress us, it is time to rise above our fears, and with firm hands and brave hearts march confidently out into our future and our destiny. And do things.

H. H. WINDSOR

February 27, 1915.

LATEST ADDITION TO NEW YORK'S SKYSCRAPERS

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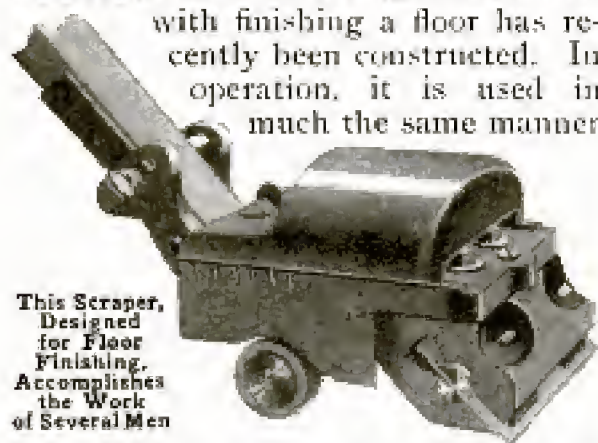
THE new 46-story building erected on the site of the old Equitable building, destroyed by fire in 1912, is so enormous that it forms one of the most impressive features of lower New York, even though it has some of the biggest skyscrapers in the world for its neighbors. This building covers a ground area of 50,000 sq. ft. and has 1,200,000 sq. ft. of available floor space. In spite of its enormous size, the work of erecting the building took only a year. It is located in an interesting neighborhood, as will be seen from the illustration. In the foreground of the picture, at the left, is the historic steeple of Trinity church; opposite this is the beginning of Wall Street, and in the background at the extreme left is the tower of the 49-story Singer building.

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WEIGHTED SCRAPER BUILT FOR FLOOR FINISHING

2725

Capable of being used on either hard or soft wood, a weighted scraper which eliminates much of the labor connected with finishing a floor has recently been constructed. In operation, it is used in much the same manner



This Scraper,
Designed
for Floor
Finishing,
Accomplishes
the Work
of Several Men

as a polishing brush, doing away with the necessity of handwork and allow-

ing a workman to stand in a natural position instead of getting down on his knees. An 8-in. blade is employed, and this may be adjusted to any angle, vertical or lateral, which may be necessary under varying conditions. The weight is so arranged that by sliding it forward or backward the pressure on the scraper is increased or decreased as desired.

The device is mounted on rubber-tired wheels, so that it is not difficult to use, while its weight of 140 lb. provides it with sufficient bearing power to give a floor a smooth, uniform surface without waves or chatter marks.

CA double-decked concrete viaduct, half a mile long, across 32 railroad tracks, has been built in Kansas City.

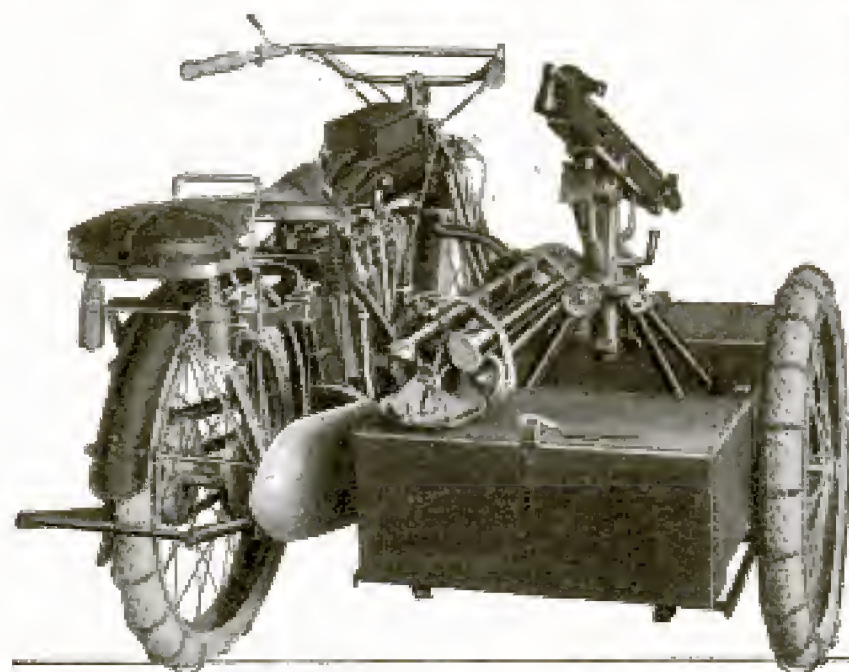
RIOT GUN MOUNTED ON MOTORCYCLE SIDECAR

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A motorcycle with sidecar chassis on which is mounted a machine gun of rifle caliber for riot service, has recently been brought out in this coun-

capable of making a speed of 40 miles an hour, and can cover a distance of about 75 miles on one tankful of gasoline. It is made for carrying two pas-

sengers, so that the gun can be operated while the machine is in operation. The gun, which has a firing capacity of 450 shots a minute, is carried on a special mounting and can be operated on the machine or detached and mounted on a collapsible tripod. Four feed boxes, each having a capacity of 250 rounds of ammunition, are carried on the chassis. The gun has an effective range of $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles and is so designed that after the first shot is fired, the loading, firing, and ejection of the shells is



Motorcycle Sidecar Equipped with Rapid-Fire Gun for Riot Service

try, and some of the Canadian military forces have been equipped with it. The machine has a two-speed gear, is

performed automatically by the force of the powder gases as long as the operator presses the trigger.

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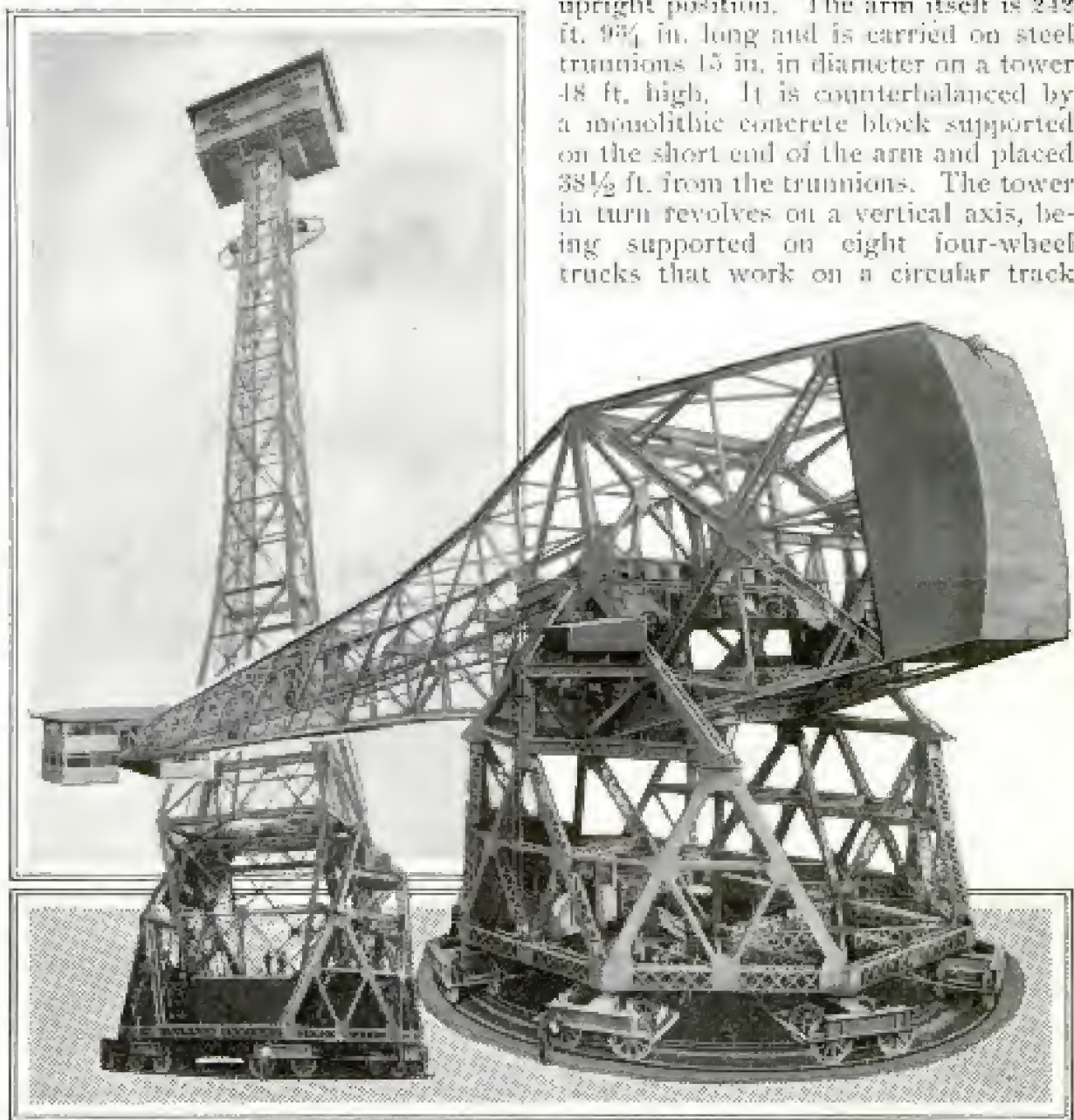
Indian machine - Hendee Infr. Co. - Springfield, Mass.

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"AEROSCOPE" LIKE ENORMOUS INVERTED PENDULUM

One of the striking amusement devices at the Panama-Pacific Exposition is the "aeroscope," an enormous inverted pendulum built much like a bascule bridge and having suspended at its free end a car in which passengers are lifted to a height of 250 ft. above the exposition grounds. One of the most novel features of this device is that the arm is lifted to a vertical position by two aerial propellers placed 27 ft. from the swinging end and operated by elec-

tric motors. After lifting to a point where it will clear the neighboring structures, the arm swings horizontally around the supporting tower as it lifts, so that the sensation is much like that of ascending an enormous spiral stairway that has a constantly narrowing diameter as the top is approached. The car is capable of carrying 118 passengers and two attendants, and is so connected with the arm that it is impossible for it to take any but an upright position. The arm itself is 242 ft. 9¾ in. long and is carried on steel trunnions 15 in. in diameter on a tower 48 ft. high. It is counterbalanced by a monolithic concrete block supported on the short end of the arm and placed 38½ ft. from the trunnions. The tower in turn revolves on a vertical axis, being supported on eight four-wheel trucks that work on a circular track



The "Aeroscope" at the Panama-Pacific Exposition: In the Car at the End of the Lifting Arm 120 Persons at a Time are Raised to a Height of 250 Feet. The Arm is Lifted to an Upright Position by Two Aerial Propellers Placed 27 Feet Down the Arm from the Car

having a diameter of 61 ft. These trucks are driven electrically through gear trains. The entire operation of the aeroscope is controlled from an operator's cabin at the base of the tower.

Fire Oil
**TOWN MENACED BY BURNING
9048m OIL-TANK WAGON**

While discharging gasoline at a garage in Uniontown, Pa., an oil-tank wagon was set on fire by a boy who



This Oil-Tank Wagon was Set on Fire by a Match Applied to the Gasoline Drippings

applied a lighted match to the drippings from the wagon. The result was a fire which threatened for a time to spread to the surrounding buildings, but which finally burned itself out without damage other than the destruction of the wagon. Although partly filled with gasoline the tank did not explode, and it was this that prevented the fire from being thrown broadcast.

NEW PROCESS WILL MAKE

9436 GASOLINE CHEAPER

See June 15-16 1915
A process by which three times as much gasoline can be extracted from a given quantity of petroleum as by the methods generally used has been invented by Dr. Walter F. Rittman, chemical engineer of the U. S. Bureau

of Mines. The patents on the new process are to be dedicated to the public, so that any refiner may use them. It is believed by the officials of the Department of the Interior that this will result in greatly reducing the cost of gasoline to the consumer.

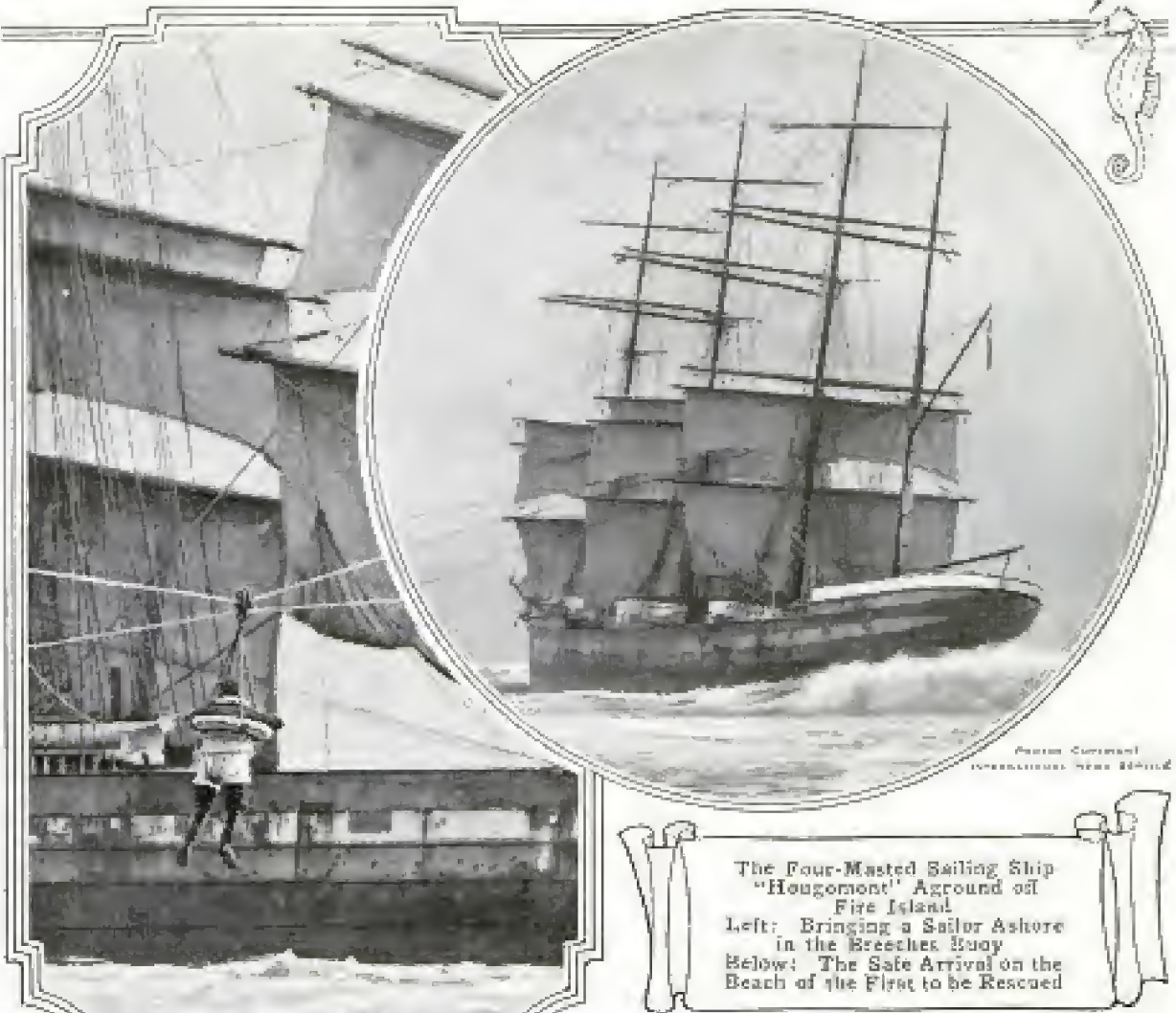
Another invention which is also to be given to the public is a means of obtaining toluol and benzol from crude petroleum. These products, which are the bases of many modern explosives as well as of the most generally used dyestuffs have heretofore been produced in Germany from coal tar.

**BREECHES BUOY SAVES CREW
9339m OF BEACHED SHIP**

During a severe storm which recently swept the Atlantic, rolling up heavy breakers which battered the shore for miles along the east coast, the four-masted barkentine "Hougomont" was beached off Fire Island, New York. This narrow island forms a margin along the south shore of Long Island and tapers into a sandbar which extends out beneath the water for hundreds of yards at some points. The shoal reaches so far from the beach that a vessel may be sailing in what to all appearances is deep water and suddenly run aground, unless her pilot knows the coast well. This makes navigation particularly difficult for small craft, especially sailing vessels, when they are caught in a squall, or hurricane, which drives them inshore at this point. This is what happened to the "Hougomont." The wreck fortunately occurred within easy reach of the Fire Island life-saving station. It was only a very short time after the doomed vessel had been sighted until the rescue party was on the beach with mortars and life lines. After a short time a line was shot across the vessel's beam and its crew brought ashore by aid of the breeches buoy.

CA dictating phonograph by which an airman may record his observations while flying and still have his hands free is a new idea in military aviation.

From associated Press dispatch in Monday morning papers - Mar. 1 confirmed by J. E. McEntley, Ave. Star See June 15-16 1915



The Four-Masted Sailing Ship
"Hougmont" Aground at
Fire Island
Left: Bringing a Sailor Ashore
in the Breches Buoy
Below: The Safe Arrival on the
Beach of the First to be Rescued



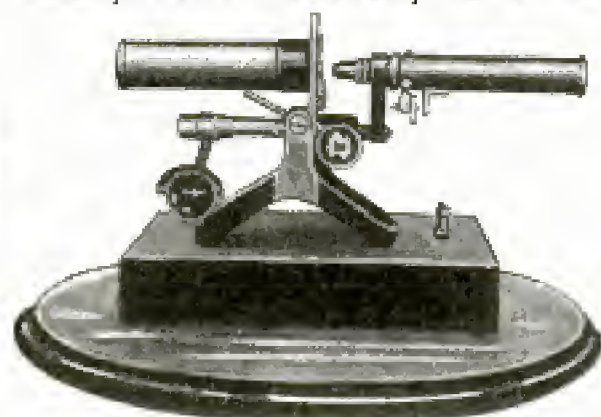
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POPULAR MECHANICS

English inventor: A. Cornell
COMBINED MICROSCOPE AND
6798 TELESCOPE *Donbridge, Kent*

A small and compact instrument that is capable of being used either as a telescope or as a microscope, or as the



Combined Microscope and Telescope Mounted and Ready for Use

two combined, has been developed by an English inventor. With this instrument it is possible to make a microscopic examination of minute objects or observe the moons of Jupiter with equal facility. Its most important use is apparently that of making microscopic examinations of objects placed

several yards from the instrument, an arrangement that overcomes the usual requirement in microscopic work that objects examined must be flat. Although many experiments of a scientific nature were required in developing it, the instrument is simple in construction. It consists of a microscope, in front of which is mounted a tube containing a telescopic objective and provided with the usual "pin hole," as well as with a number of diaphragms for stopping down the light. The telescope produces an inverted image which is magnified and transformed into an upright image by the microscope. Any degree of magnification from 20 to 48 diameters may be obtained by adjustment of the draw tube and eyepiece. For convenience in observing stars and other objects at an elevation, a mirror provided with a universal joint may be attached to the object end of the instrument.

☞ Fatalities in coal mines in the United States in 1914 numbered 2,451, a decrease of 334 as compared with 1913.

SAFEST PLACE FOR SOLDIER 9385 IN AN AEROPLANE

Is an aeroplane the safest place for a soldier in war?

The English newspapers recently reported that an officer of the Royal Flying Corps had applied to be allowed to rejoin his regiment in his former capacity. When inquiry was made as to his reasons he replied that he could not bear to see his brother officers running all the risks of the trenches while he himself was in safety flying in the air above them. Similar remarks by other British military airmen, all of whom seem to regard their work as much less hazardous than that of the fighting man on the ground, have lent interest to reports of the surprisingly small number of casualties suffered by fliers since the war began.

When the Royal Flying Corps was organized, in 1912, it was estimated

that in case of war the entire personnel would have to be renewed every six months—that that period would represent the average life of an airman in active service. In the first five months of the present war, however, during which the entire corps was almost continuously engaged in scouting and raiding expeditions, the total loss was six airmen killed by the enemy, five killed accidentally, five wounded, and five missing or prisoners: a total disablement of less than three per cent of the airmen in active service. While no exact figures, either of losses or of the number of troops engaged in the field, have been made public by any of the powers engaged in the war, it is certain that the percentage of losses in land fighting, both of officers and enlisted men, has been very much larger than this in each of the armies.

All of which seems to answer in the affirmative the question with which this article began.

The Engineer + The Aeroplane
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PROCLAIMING NEUTRALITY IN WAR-ZONE WATERS



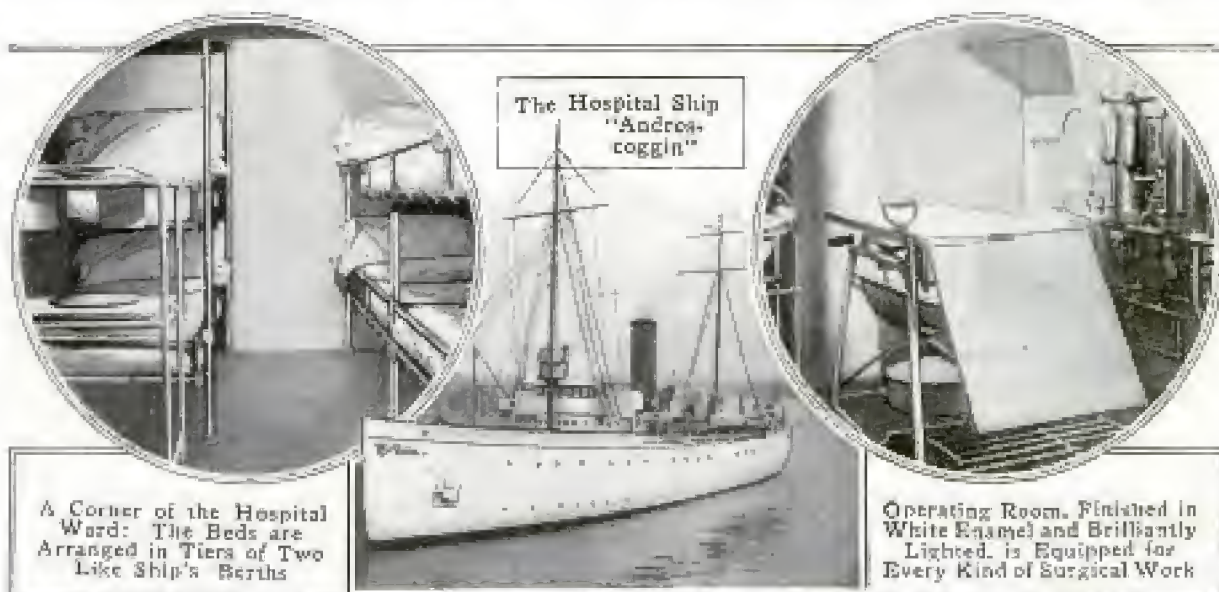
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FOR protection against submarines in the war zone, neutral shipowners have adopted the plan of painting on the sides of each vessel the name of the ship and that of its home port. This picture shows how the "Nieuw Amsterdam," the largest of Dutch ships, looked as it left New York on its first voyage to Rotterdam after the war-zone decree went into effect.

HOSPITAL SHIP TO WORK WITH FISHING FLEET

9024 m Equipped with the most modern facilities for the care of the sick and wounded, the United States revenue cutter "Androscoggin" is now in service as a hospital ship and will operate among the fishermen working on the Grand Banks of Newfoundland. This is said to be the first hospital ship ever outfitted by the United States government for service with a fishing fleet, although the plan is not a new one with other countries. The hospital equip-

ment of the vessel consists of a tiny operating room finished in white enamel and brilliantly lighted, a ward room containing a large number of beds, and a bathroom. A doctor and three assistants will have charge of the hospital facilities, which, though compact, are as complete as those of many shore hospitals. During the fishing season the hospital ship will be stationed on the Grand Banks, where fishermen live and work for weeks and



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where there has often been great suffering in the past because of the lack of medical and surgical attendance.

SKILL NEEDED IN PLAYING NEW MECHANICAL GAME

Among the recently introduced mechanical games, designed for amusement parks, is one which taxes both the strength and skill of a player. The apparatus upon which it is played consists of a series of vertical tubes through which a steel ball weighing 1 lb. is knocked by pressure ex-



The Harder the Blow the Higher the Steel Ball will Go

erted upon a lever by a sledge. The sphere is inserted in the apparatus, shown in the accompanying illustration, through an aperture in the pipe at the extreme left. If a pressure of 100 lb. is exerted upon the lever, the ball will be elevated just high enough to trip a valve and enter into the first tube to the right, falling into a receiving

pocket at the bottom of that bore. Similarly, a pressure of 200 lb. will put the sphere into the second return pipe, while a 500-lb. blow will send it completely around the outside tube, dropping it at the extreme right. The game is played by knocking the ball in turn into each of the baskets, which requires the player to estimate, within less than 100 lb., the striking force of his blows.

"AUDACIOUS" IN SERVICE AFTER STRIKING MINE

The "Audacious," the 25,000-ton British dreadnaught which struck a mine off the coast of Ireland during the latter part of last October and was reported to have sunk, has rejoined its squadron with decks stripped for action and the Union Jack astern. Photographs taken from aboard the transatlantic liner "Olympic," which went to the rescue of the wrecked battleship, towing it for a considerable distance, showed it to be in a sinking condition with its decks all but awash. One of these photographs appeared in this magazine.

What really happened, instead of the ship going to the bottom, was that it was taken in charge by naval vessels, after apparently being abandoned by the "Olympic," and towed to Belfast, where it was placed in dry dock and repaired. The dreadnaught has a remarkable system of bulkheads, and it is to this that credit largely falls for keeping it afloat. As soon as the location of the rent was reported, collision mats were used to cover the hole beneath the water line, and sand bags put in place about it on the interior of the hull. Experts from a shipbuilding company at Belfast were summoned by wireless and joined the ship while it was being towed into port, making the necessary survey preliminary to the repairs, so that no time was lost after the ship was once placed in dry dock.

Army & Navy Journal

¶ Fires in national forests in 1914 destroyed timber worth \$307,303.

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THE MIDNIGHT GLORY BY THE GOLDEN GATE

9372



When the Battery of Huge Searchlights at the Panama-Pacific Exposition is Turned On in Full Force the Aurora-Like Effect is a Marvel of Gorgeous Splendor

The Illumination of the Tower of Jewels, the Central Feature of the San Francisco Fair, is so Complete that Every Detail is as Visible by Night as by Day

"DELETED BY THE CENSOR"

OIL FROM THE COHUNE-PALM

887 ⁷/₁₀ ILLUSTRATED

NUT A VALUABLE PRODUCT

In France, as in the other countries engaged in the European war, the censorship is so rigid that little, if any,

92 ²⁰/₁₀₀ A product the commercial value of which has only recently become recognized is the oil extracted from the nut of the cohune palm.

This species of palm grows in British Honduras, Guatemala, and the southern part of Mexico, and comprises from 20 to 30 per cent of the vegetation in many sections of these countries, so that the supply of nuts is believed to be practically inexhaustible. The oil, extracted by a crude process, has been in use by the natives in some sections for years as a dressing for foods, and recent experiments have proved that it comprises a fat that is valuable for many purposes. Just before the war it was reported that the Germans had found a way of using it as a substitute for glycerin in high explosives, while a dairy company in Liverpool is said to employ it regularly in the manufacture of oleomargarine, finding it superior to any other fat that can be obtained. The nut of the cohune palm is usually from 2 to 2 3/4



LE GÉNÉRAL [REDACTED] COURS DE L'INTENDANCE

Sur le fameux cours de l'Intendance déjà si animé d'habitude, et qui depuis quelques semaines est devenu un lieu très parisien, on croise les personnalités les plus en vue. Voici le général [REDACTED] directeur du [REDACTED] s'entretenant avec un autre officier supérieur.

This Reproduction from a Page of a French Publication Shows How Thoroughly the Censor Works

information that might be of value to the enemy is allowed to appear in any publication. How thoroughly the censor works is indicated in the reproduction of part of a page from a French illustrated journal. From this report the reader gets the news of a meeting of military officers, with the name of the commanding general and the place of the meeting carefully obliterated, to keep this information from the enemy.

in. long, the outer covering consisting of a hard, woody substance that is exceedingly difficult to break. A new process now being used makes this and the extraction of the oil a comparatively easy matter. The nuts are given a preliminary roasting which causes the kernels to shrink and become detached from the hull. The hulls are then broken in a crusher and hulls and kernels are dumped into a

solution of salt water. The kernels float while the hulls sink to the bottom. The salt water appears to have no effect on the kernels other than to act as a preservative against rancidity in the oil. The oil is finally extracted from the kernels by pressing.

9331 *Armstrong Journal* TWELVE-INCH HOWITZERS FOR THE BRITISH ARMY

The report that the English are prepared to put 12-in. howitzers in the field this spring is apparently confirmed by the fact that a large order has recently been placed in the United States for 12-in. shells. The projectiles are of the high-explosive, thin-



One of the Cottages Washed from the Shore by the Waves and Caught in the Wreckage of the Bulkhead



Some of the Debris Left along the Shore at Redondo Beach



Wreckage of the Board Walk on the Bulkhead which Gave Away, Allowing the Breakers to Sweep the Beach

shell type and are evidently intended for driving the Germans out of their trenches in France and Belgium. Nothing is known as to the character of the guns or carriages, but it is thought that the English ordnance experts have developed a carriage capable of taking these heavy guns across country.

9365 H HEAVY STORM SWEEPS COAST LINE OF CALIFORNIA

Heavy waves swept California's coast line several weeks ago, battering and cutting its beaches and working considerable damage to shore property at many of its resorts. At different places bulkheads that had held back the Pacific during other of its severe storms, this time gave away under the incessant pounding of the great breakers. Many cities along the coast

suffered severely, but southern California points faced without protection the full fury of the sea, which raged and tossed, washing out the foundations of cottages and, in some cases, lifting hotels and carrying them into the ocean. Redondo Beach was greatly damaged. Almost before residents were aware of the severity of the storm the enormous waves carried away the greater portion of the bulkhead which held a 15-ft. board walk. This gave the sea an opportunity to attack the beach, which it did, washing residences and hotels one after the other into the breakers and then pounding them to pieces. At this one resort it is estimated that more than \$300,000 damage was done to property.

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GERMANY'S GREAT WAR MACHINE IN ACTION



Taking Turns
Snatching a Few
Minutes of Sleep in a
Snow-Lined Rifle Pit
in East Prussia during
a Short Recess in a
Hard, Stubborn Fight
in Freezing Weather



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German Regiment
Charging
against a French
Line, Crossing
an Open Field in
the Face of
Machine-Gun
and Shrapnel Fire



Group of the
Kaiser's
Artillerymen
before a Typical
Dugout Back of
the Lines in the
Western Theater
of War

AND PERSONAL GLIMPSES OF ITS SOLDIERS



This Remarkable Picture was Taken a Few Minutes after the One Opposite It, in the Same Spot. It Shows War as It Is. Almost at the Instant the Shutter Snapped, Four Soldiers were Struck by Bullets



At an Observatory Post of a Heavy-Artillery Battery Where the Effect of the Fire against the Russian Trenches is being Watched

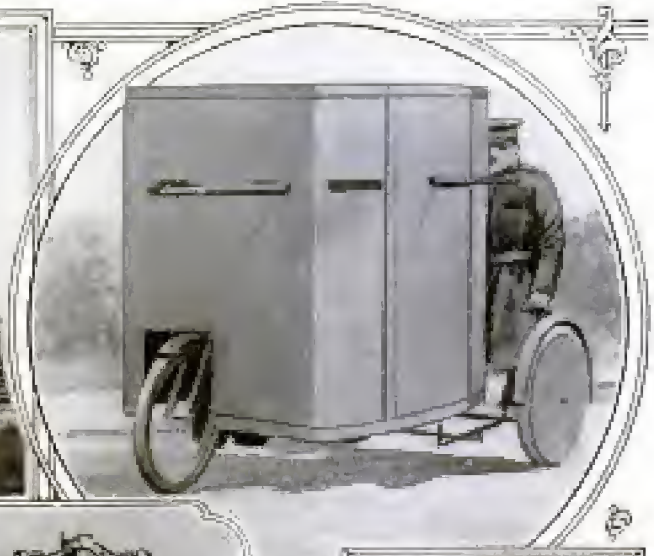


Christmas Day in a German Trench after the Men had Received Boxes and Letters from Home. Wherever It Was Possible, the Soldiers Decorated a Tree, Even in the Rifle Pits

SOME CURIOUS DEVICES DEVELOPED BY WAR



This Odd Pyramid, Marked on Its Four Sides with the Cross, has been Erected at Budapest to the Memory of Fallen Hungarian Soldiers



This Armored Motorcycle and Sidecar, One of the New Types of War Vehicles in Use in Europe, Carries Two Rifle-men and a Driver, and Travels at High Speed



Steel Helmet and Cuirass Worn When Taking Open Observations within Close Range of the Enemy



This Shows How an Infantryman, When It Is Necessary, Carries One of the Heavy Automatic Machine Guns



Ladder-Tripod Mounting for Searchlight. The Motor Car Carries an Electric Plant Supplying Current to the Arc



WAR SEEN FROM THREE NOVEL VIEWPOINTS



Series of Observation Platforms. Constructed by Austrian Engineers, in Tree Tops at the Edge of a Forest Skirting a Battle Field



Heavy French Artillery Battery. Mounted on Flat Cars, Operating along Trackage Previously Held by the Enemy. The First Gun Is About to be Fired and Its Crew are Holding Their Hands to Their Ears



During the Drawn-Out Shelling of Soissons by the Germans, the Inhabitants Sought Refuge in the Cellars beneath Their Wrecked Homes. This Being the Only Means of Protection Open to Them

BEHIND BATTLE LINES ON FRANCE'S FRONTIER



Almost Every Available Motor Vehicle is being Pushed into Military Service. This Truck is Converted into an Ambulance.



French Dirigible Leaving Its Hangar at Paris and Heading Eastward with Aerial Scouts on Reconnaissance Duty.



One of the Late Types of Military Dirigibles, a French Craft with an Armored Nacelle for the Protection of Its Crew.



Experience in Europe has Taught That the Machine Gun is as Effective against Air Craft as Any Weapon So Far Developed.

MAKING ANOTHER ARMY FOR KITCHENER



GRIPPING SCENES OF FRENCH TROOPS



IN ACTION DURING HEATED FIGHTING



No Form of Fighting Is More Thrilling Than That against an Enemy Air Craft Which is Returning Bombs for Bullets. Here a Squad of Zouaves is Firing at a Mere Speck in the Sky—a German Taube Flying over the Lines

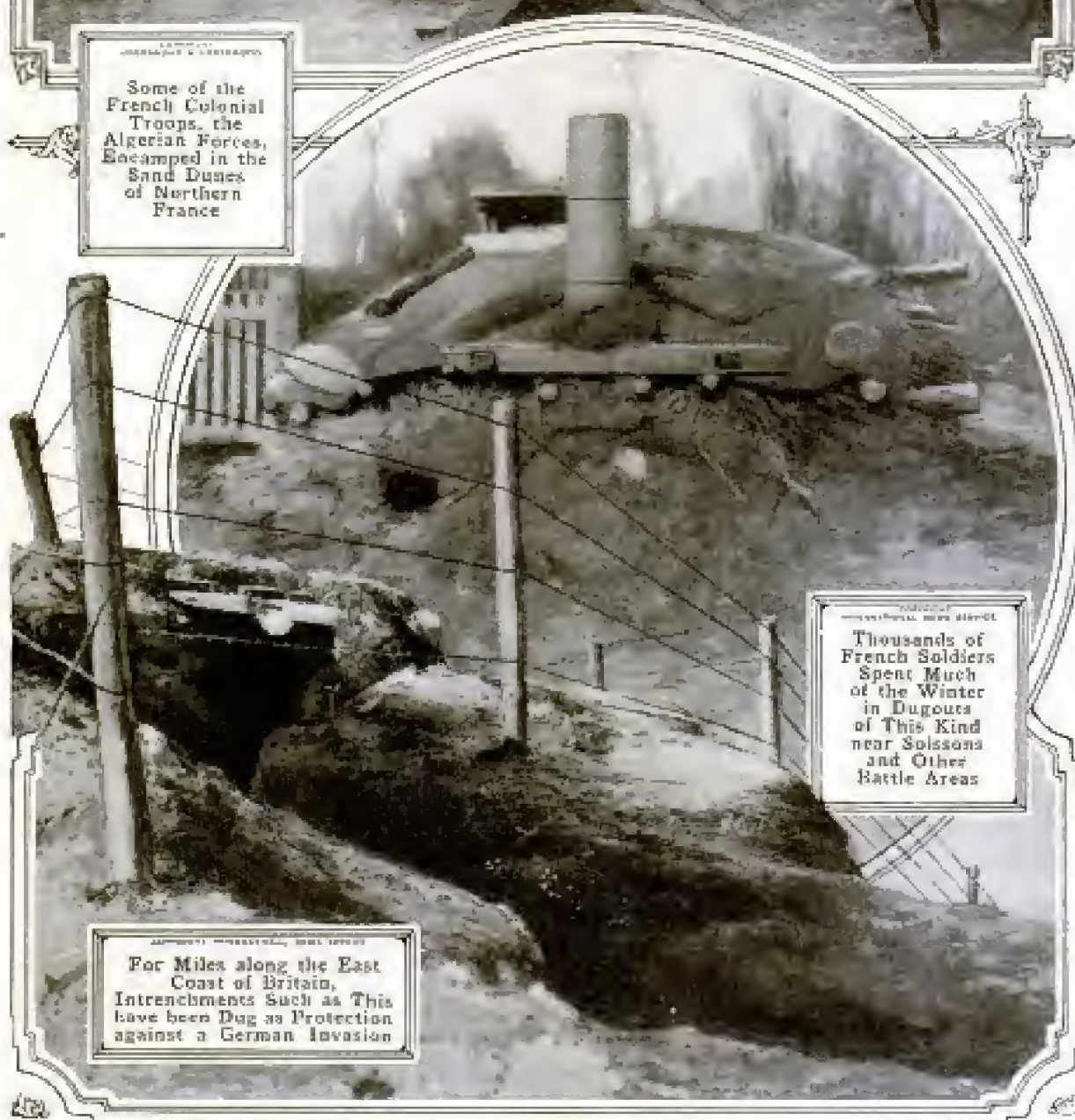
Detachment of French Troops in the Midst of a Hot Skirmish in the Flooded Section of the Northwestern Frontier of France, Where Soldiers have Weathered Heavy Rains

Beginning of a Charge against German Lines by French Infantrymen: The Order has Just been Given, Following Shelling of the Enemy's Position, and the Soldiers are Climbing from the Trenches to Advance

WINTER CAMPS IN BRITAIN AND FRANCE



Some of the French Colonial Troops, the Algerian Forces, Encamped in the Sand Dunes of Northern France



Thousands of French Soldiers Spent Much of the Winter in Dugouts of This Kind near Soissons and Other Battle Areas

For Miles along the East Coast of Britain, Intrenchments Such as This have been Dug as Protection against a German Invasion

PARTS PLAYED BY DOGS IN ARENA OF WAR

Belgian Troopers Taking
Light Artillery Dogs
from Their Kennels and
Putting Them in Harness
Preparatory for Military
Operations



Here Two Dogs
and a Donkey
are Drawing a
Cart Holding
the Belongings
of a Family of
Refugees
Fleeing with
Many Others
from Lille



The War Dog in Foreground was Wounded in Battle
and is being Led through a Street of Louvain

RESCUING SURVIVORS AFTER A NAVAL BATTLE



Final Scene in the Five-Hour Battle between the German and British Fleets near the Falkland Islands, off South America, December 8, 1914. When the German Battle Cruisers "Scharnhorst," "Gneisenau," "Leipzig," and "Nürnberg" were sunk; This Photograph, Made from the Crow's Nest of the British Ship "Invincible," Shows the Boats Putting Off from the British "Invincible" to Pick Up German Survivors Swimming in the Sea

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HOW AN ARMY BLAZES ITS PATH IN WAR



Tangled
Wreckage
of a Steel Bridge
at Lagny. Less
Than a Half
Hour by Rail
from Paris



One of the Many
Bridges Destroyed
by the Germans
in Poland, Which
It Is Now Necessary
for Them to Rebuild



This Structure near Lizy-sur-Ourcq
on the Road to Paris was Blown Up,
Causing a Train to Drop into the River,
during the Battle of Meaux

CURIOUS THINGS SEEN IN THE WAR ZONE



Holland Keeps a Corps of Men Patrolling Its Coast to Find and Explode the Mines Washed Up onto the Beaches from the North Sea



Wearers of This Ear Protector Hear Ordinary Sounds, but are Protected from Vibrations of Big-Gun Fire

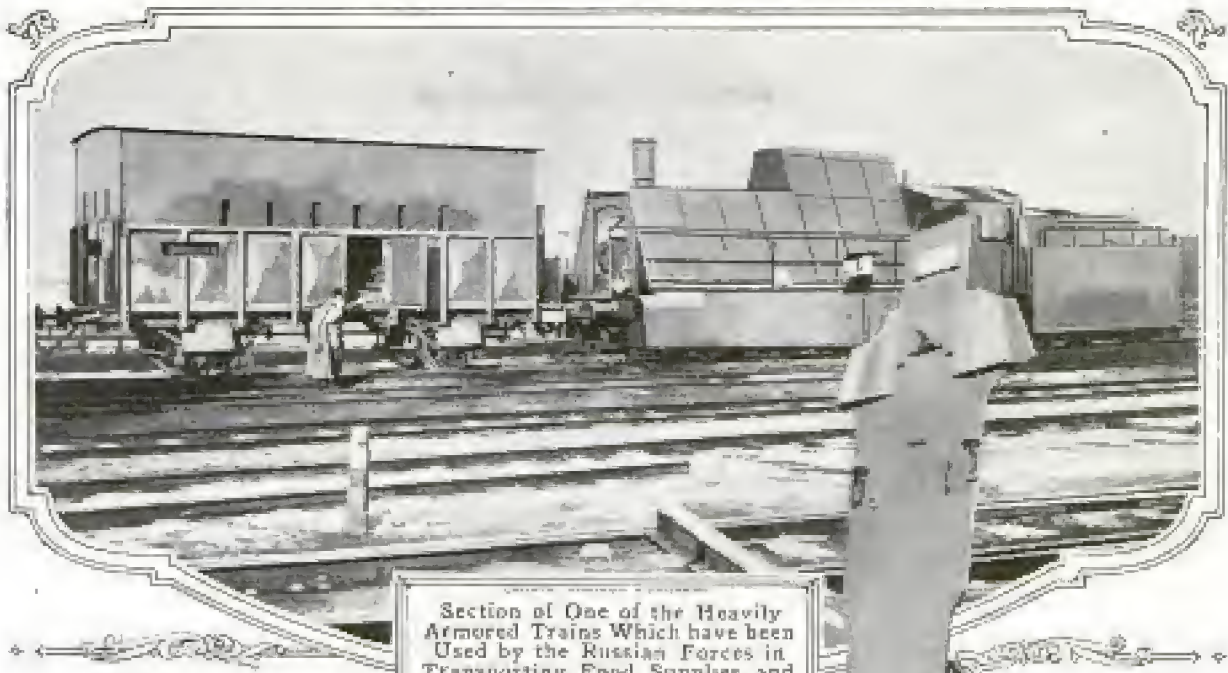


In Time of War the Life of a Man Represents No More Than That of a Horse, and Often Not so Much. This Shows the Body of a German Scout Caught in the Crotch of a Tree and Left There



Latest Product of the Krupp Gun Works: A New Type of Weapon for Defensive Operations against Enemy Air Craft

ARMORED VEHICLES USED IN EUROPE'S WAR



Section of One of the Heavily Armored Trains Which have been Used by the Russian Forces in Transporting Food Supplies and Ammunition to the Polish Battle Front, Running the Gantlet of the Enemy's Long-Range Guns



Canada's Expeditionary Forces have been Supplied with Modern Fighting Tools. This Shows the Dominion's First Armored Car

Observation Ladder, Fitted with Steel Shield, Such as is Used by the French Artillery with the Batteries of Famous "75" Guns. The Shield Protects Every Part of Lookout's Body



SCOUTS AND LOOKOUTS WATCHING THE ENEMY

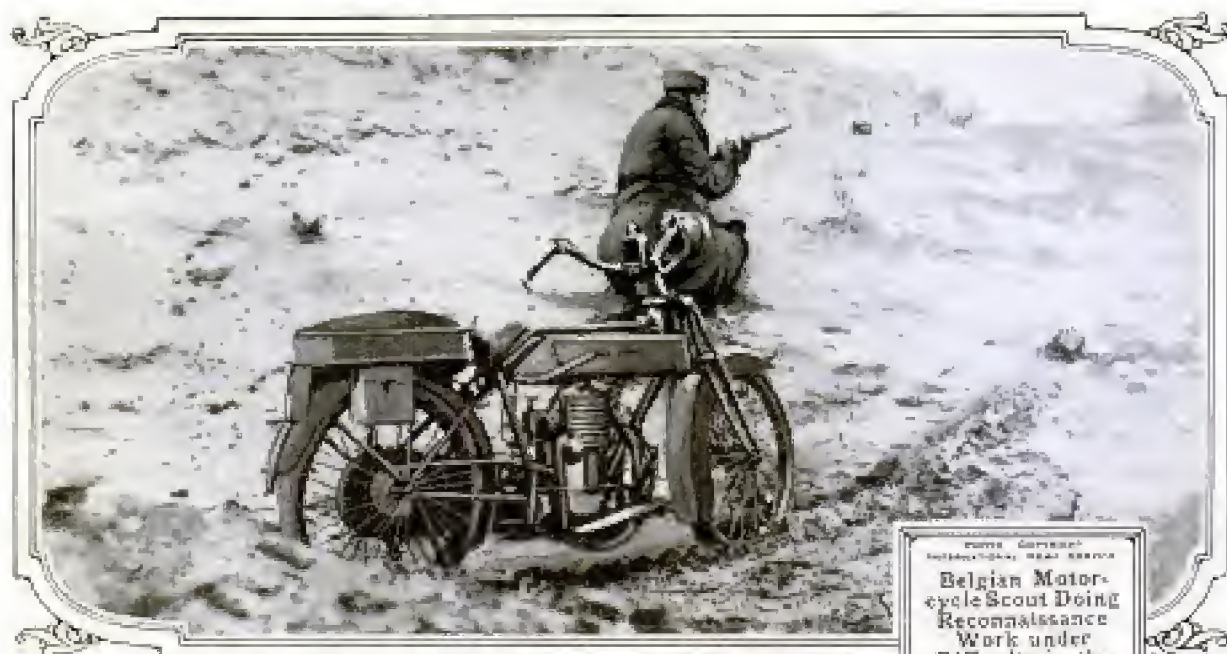


Photo Courtesy, International News Service
Belgian Motorcycle Scout Doing Reconnaissance Work under Difficulty in the Sand Dunes South of Ostend



Photo Courtesy, International News Service
This "Rustic Pavilion"

Represents One of the Austrian Tree-Top Observatories, Fitted with Machine Guns, Telescopes and Telephones

Photo Courtesy, International News Service

Perched on Top of a Peasant's Dwelling in Poland, This Russian Outpost Is Able to Scan the Country for Miles Around

*Mfrs. Boston Belting Co.,
1184 Linden Park St.,
Boston, Mass.*

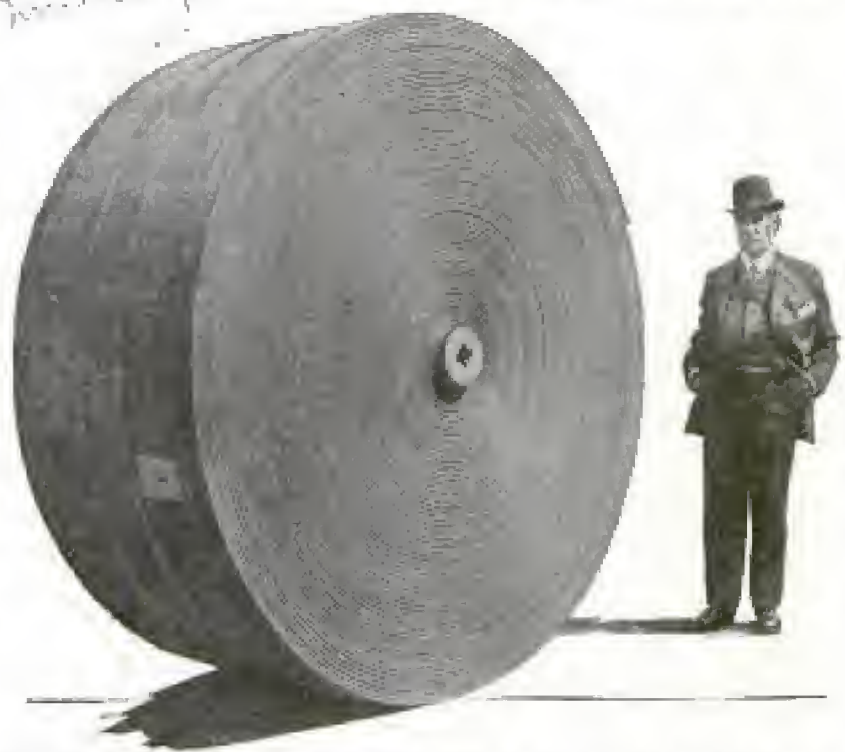
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Army & Navy Journal 10/1/14
**FILMS USED BY GERMANS TO
SHOW ARMY WORK**
8717m

For a year or more preceding the outbreak of the war, the German government made extensive use of motion-picture films both for instructing recruits and for making the military service popular with the public. Recruits were instructed in such matters as mounting guard, tent erecting, bayonet drill, and acting as vedette, through the medium of films. Films were also used for giving instruction in the "scientific" branches of military work, such as bridge building, railway destruction, throwing up earthworks, the erection of barricades for street fighting, mine springing, and pontoon work. Special films showing military maneuvers were supplied to motion-picture operators without charge, and were exhibited to the public throughout the empire.

**ONE OF LARGEST CONVEYOR
BELTS EVER MADE**
8535m

A conveyor belt that weighs 12,000 lb. and is valued at nearly \$6,000, recently completed for a stone quarry in



This Conveyor Belt, Made for a Stone Quarry in Ohio, Is 893 Feet Long Weighs 12,000 Pounds, and is Valued at Nearly \$6,000

Ohio, is probably the largest belt of the kind ever made. It is 893 ft. long and 36 in. wide, and is all in one piece. The body of the belt is made of eight-ply duck, which alone weighs 5,000 lb., and this is coated with a thick cushion of rubber. It is estimated that the belt will last for several years under the heavy service to which it will be subjected.

**TWO LADDERS COMBINED
IN ONE**
8479m

A new type of ladder is designed to be used either as a step-ladder or as an extension ladder. The two parts of this ladder are pivoted together at one end, and hooks and clamps are provided for holding the parts securely. One part has steps; the other has rungs.



Postroad Engraving
**BULLETIN BOARD FOR TRAIN-
CREW ASSIGNMENTS**
8621H

Bulletin boards are maintained at railway division points so that various members of the personnel may be informed regarding the assignments of crews to trains. At large points, however, where many trains are constantly arriving and departing, considerable difficulty has often been experienced in attempting to post this information so that it may be found quickly and with-

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4243 N. Foster Ave.,
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Buffalo, N.Y.*

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Springfield, Ill.*

#J. L. Greff, 84 W. South Water St.
Chicago, Ills.

Used by a Grand Traveler Co.,
Cider manufacturer

out confusion. At Bloomington, Ill., the Chicago & Alton Railway has installed an octagonal board which has



Much Difficulty in Posting Assignments at a Railway Division Point has been Eliminated by the Use of This Bulletin Board

eliminated the trouble formerly suffered. The assignment of crews for passenger trains is shown on one plane with each division separated, while passenger-train engineers, freight crews, and others, have their individual spaces which they may find readily by turning the board until the proper side appears.

OXYGEN MADE BY ELECTRIC 9332m PROCESS

Owing to its widespread use as an agent in cutting and welding operations, oxygen gas has become an important commercial product and is now being produced from water in large quantities by an electrolytic process in a number of factories in this country. The electrolyte used is a 10 or 15-percent solution in water of caustic soda or of caustic potash. A direct current is passed through this electrolyte with the result that oxygen is given off at

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Engineer*

one of the electrodes and hydrogen at the other. The oxygen is collected and compressed while the hydrogen is allowed to escape.

UNLOADING APPLE CARS

9031m WITH WATER

A Michigan cider manufacturer uses water for unloading the apples shipped in by rail, and the method is said to result not only in economy in the work of unloading, but in such a thorough cleansing of the apples that they can be conveyed direct to the grinders without the necessity for further cleaning. As soon as the car is set in position, a 10 by 12-in. hole is cut out of the lower door boards. Through this the apples are washed out under the impact of a stream of water thrown from a hose having a 2-in. nozzle, a beginning being made with the apples near the door. As the apples are washed out, they fall through a hopper into a channel that leads to a concrete pit, receiving the side wash from a stream that falls into the channel about



Apples are Washed Out of the Car by a Stream Thrown from a Hose, and Float Down a Channel to Conveyors That Lift Them to the Cider Machines

midway of its length. At the end of the pit the apples fall into a conveyor that lifts them to the grinders.

**NEW BURGLAR ALARM FIRES
8517m BLANK CARTRIDGE**

A burglar alarm designed for the protection of garages, barns, chicken



coops, and outbuildings generally, consists simply of a wire that fires a blank cartridge when pulled or stumbled over. For installing, a hole is bored in the rear wall of the building to be protected. The wire is passed through the hole and attached to the door by a hook. The other end of the wire is then attached to the trigger of the firing device, which is mounted on a tree or post. In case the door is opened or the wire is stumbled over by a marauder, the trigger is pulled outward and the cartridge is fired by a spring-actuated hammer. The device is also intended to be used in protecting orchards and gardens.

ⒸMixing the dry cement thoroughly with the sand and gravel before any water is used makes a stronger and more uniform concrete.

**DIFFERENTIAL HAND BRAKE
7854H FOR STREET CARS**

Particularly intended for use on surface-traction cars, a shaftless, differential hand brake has been devised which is both compact and powerful. The differentials are cast in one unit and keyed to the shaft of the handwheel on the control, one turn of which applies the brake. To this latter member a pawl is fixed which automatically engages with a ratchet and locks the endless chain against a backward movement after power has been applied. In releasing the brake the operator steps on a floor pin which disengages the pawl. A check is provided so that the chain cannot become too slack when the tension is removed. The device complete weighs less than 100 pounds and can be installed on any car to replace hand-operated brakes of old types.



*For Sale At 704 1/2 St. N.Y.
Each Terminal*

Electric Traction, June 1914

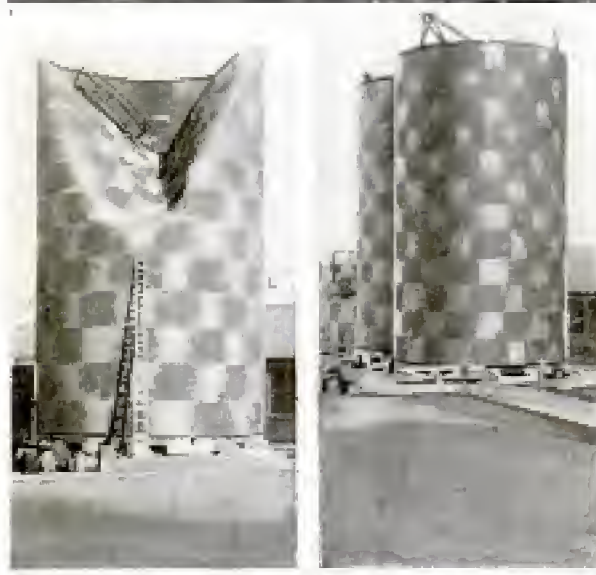
J. A. Sisk, 595 Fargo Ave.,
Buffalo, N. Y.

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POPULAR MECHANICS

STRAIGHTENING A CAVED-IN STEEL SILO

8400 m
A silo made up of steel plates had been completed to a height of 75 ft.



Condition of a Steel Silo After being Hit by a Storm, and How It Looked After It had been Straightened Out with Steel Cable and Pulleys

when it was hit by a severe wind-storm, with the result that the upper third of the structure was caved in,

as shown in the illustration. Serious as the damage looked, it was easily repaired. A steel cable was attached to the top of the bent plates and passed through pulleys anchored to the ground. A steady pull by six men was sufficient to straighten out the damaged section in about 15 minutes.

Scientific American 11/23/15
9308 m
MAY ESTABLISH AEROPLANE
MAIL SERVICE

The establishment of an aeroplane mail service is reported to be one of the innovations now being considered by the U. S. Post Office Department. The section of the country where this means of carrying the mails would be of the greatest value is in the Rocky Mountains, where communication between some towns, a short distance apart on an air line, requires a trip of a hundred miles or more by the only available surface routes. One advantage in the aeroplane service is that the going would be practically as good in winter as in summer, since the present-day aeroplane can be operated in any but the stormiest weather.

LIFE PRESERVERS MADE OF KAPOK FIBER

9215 m
As a result of experiments made with kapok by the Navy Department it is likely that this little-known material will soon come into general use as a filling for life preservers and for buoyant cushions and mattresses. It has been discovered that there is a great difference in buoyancy in the kapok grown in different parts of the world, though it all looks pretty much alike. The failure of life preservers made of kapok having a small degree of buoyancy is doubtless responsible for the setback which the use of this material received following the "General Slocum" disaster in New York Harbor, in 1904.

The best kapok for life-saving purposes is grown in the East Indies, particularly in Java, and in the Philippine Islands. This material is a silky vegetable fiber which grows in pods, five or

six inches long. It contains an oil that prevents it from absorbing water easily, while the fibers are so fine and so closely packed together that the water is held out of the mass by the surface tension of the water itself. An unconfined mass placed in the water will support 20 times its own weight for hours, and if inclosed in leather, or a semi-waterproof fabric, it will support this weight for three months. There seems to be no exaggeration, therefore, in the statement that a mattress made so that it will not double up, and stuffed with this material, will support a shipwreck victim until rescued or until the passenger dies of hunger or thirst. Life preservers made of this material are lighter than those made of cork, and although somewhat bulky, can be compressed into small compass for storage without losing their resiliency.

J. C. Coburn, Naval Constructor U. S. Navy yard
Boston, Mass.

Inventor, Lieut. A. J. Edmonds (Retired)
c/o R. R. Co. emp 543.

Robinson & Roden Co.
 "Universal Life Preserver"
 77-79 New Jersey Railroad Ave
 Newark, N. J.



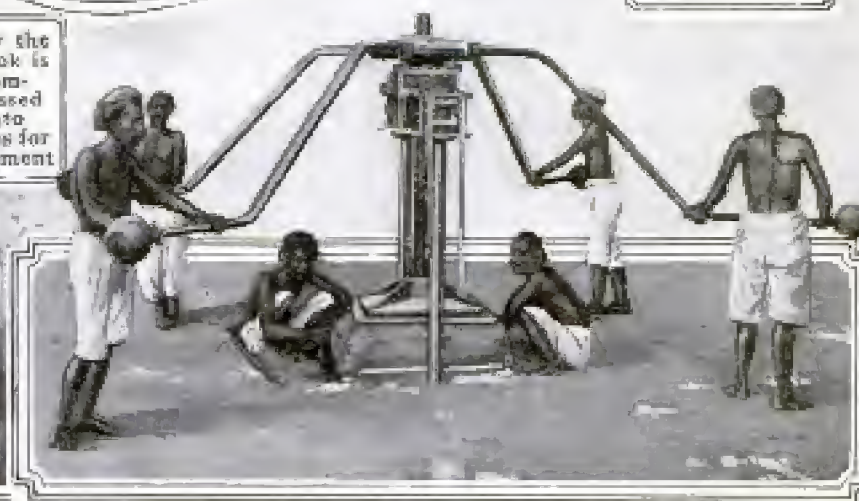
Japanese Women and Children Opening Kapok Pods; Typical Kapok Tree Shown at Left

Heating the Seeds Out of the Fluffy Fiber



Testing Kapok-Filled Mattress, Pillow, and Life Preserver

How the Kapok is Compressed into Bales for Shipment



United States Collapsible Steel
Container Co., ^{INC.} ~~111 East 22nd St.~~

Albert Marple 322 Baynton St.,
Tropico, Calif.

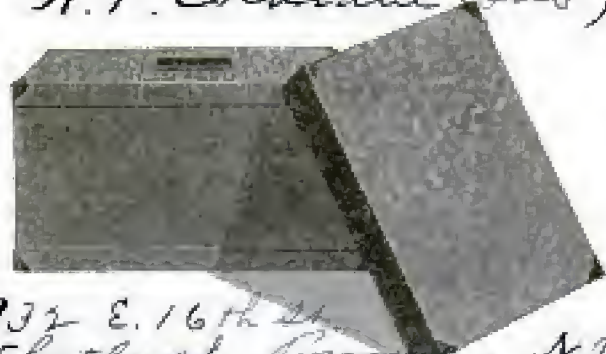
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Whitehall Bldg 17 Battery Place.

COLLAPSIBLE SHIPPING BOX

8669 MADE OF METAL

Collapsible sheet-metal boxes which
may be used indefinitely are being
made as shipping cases for merchan-

A. P. Cochrane (Inv.)



332 E. 16th St.
Flatbush, Brooklyn N.Y.
Collapsible Shipping Case Made of Sheet Metal

dise and other products. They are
manufactured in various sizes suitable
for all ordinary purposes and are ca-
pable of withstanding the effects of
hard usage. When constructed of No.
24 gauge sheet steel, the weight of a
case is only one-half that of a box of
the same cubical capacity made of
 $\frac{7}{8}$ -in. lumber. Besides lessening
freight charges for a shipper, these
containers offer a certain insurance
against the loss or injury of their con-
tents, since, if properly packed, goods

are less liable to damage in transit.
The cases are provided with stanch
locks, eliminating entirely the neces-
sity of using nails, rope, or wire in
preparing a box for shipment, a thing
which represents a considerable sav-
ing of time in the packing room. It
requires only a few minutes to either
set up or knock down one of the con-
tainers. When collapsed, one may be
stored in a space 4 in. in height.

COBBLESTONE WALLS FOR SUBURBAN GARAGE

By picking up and using the cobble-
stones scattered about his suburban
place, one automobile owner has built
an attractive and practical garage with
what would otherwise have been waste
material. This garage is 12 by 15 ft.
and has a ceiling height of 9 ft. The
walls are about 2 ft. in thickness, and
the floor is of cement. Arranged
around the wall in the interior are cup-
boards, benches, and drawers for the
storage of tools and of oil, gasoline,
and other supplies. The mixture used
in laying up the cobblestone walls was
made in the proportion of one-eighth
sack of lime to one sack of pure cement
and four sacks of sand.



This Attractive Garage is Built of Cobblestones Picked Up about the Owner's Suburban Place

J. J. Sturgeon, 620 So. Broad St.
Los Angeles, Calif.

Picture drawn from window of
Chicago grocery store.

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who was formerly POPULAR MECHANICS

SILVER A BY-PRODUCT OF

MOTION PICTURES

9282m

Recovery of silver from the worn-out fixing bath used in making motion-picture films has become a profitable industry for the one plant engaged in it in Los Angeles, Cal., where thousands of feet of negatives and positives are developed every day in the many "movie" studios located in and around the city. The chief ingredient of the composition used on a photographic plate or film is silver bromide. Under the action of the light much of this is changed chemically and is rendered practically insoluble, but a considerable portion is left in a free state, and this is removed by the hyposulphite of soda used as a fixing bath. Owing partly to chemical changes, but mainly to the accumulation of the silver bromide held in solution, the fixing solution eventually becomes inactive. Formerly it was thrown away, but now it is sold, and the silver is recovered. The average tank, where the rack system of development is used, holds from 165 to 200 gal. of the solution, and the price usually paid for a tankful is \$30. The solution is collected in a tank wagon which is equipped with a pump and hose for pumping from the laboratory tanks. It is then placed in a precipitating tank and treated with some chemical, such as sodium sulphide, with the result that a residue consisting of sulphide of silver is precipitated. This is then subjected to chemical treatment which extracts the pure metallic silver in quantities sufficient to make the business of recovering it profitable to the operators.

IMITATION PICTURE MADE

2580m OF REAL FRUIT

A picture that was realistic in the strictest sense was employed by a Chicago grocer recently for attracting



How a Chicago Grocer Made an Attractive Picture of Real Fruit

attention to his establishment. This was simply an imitation picture consisting of an attractive display of fruit with a background of draperies arranged behind a large frame to look like a real picture.

USE SOLDER TO ATTACH LENS
TO NOSE-GLASS STRAP

By employing a solder made of a sand composition, rimless lenses are being attached to the metal parts of eyeglasses without the use of screws. This mounting process eliminates the hole in the lens and thereby gives it strength at the point where breakage most often occurs. The metal frame has a lead lining with which the solder fluxes readily, as it does with glass. The solder contains hydrofluoric acid, lime, barium, and carbonate of lead.

!# William Wallace Ferris

92 Wheeler Ave., Providence, R.I.

Made by Martin Copeland Co.
290 Madison Chicago.

A. A. Abernethy
 401 N. Salisbury St.,
 546 W. Lafayette, Ind.

POPULAR MECHANICS
DESCENDING HEAD FIRST TO
TEST FIRE ESCAPE

9115 m

To demonstrate the safety of a new fire escape, which consists only of a slender steel ribbon paid out from a reel in much the same manner as a tape measure, the inventor let himself down, head first, from the second floor of a building, landing so gently that he was able to shield his head thoroughly by the use of the hands alone. In using this device, which has been described in a past number of this magazine, the free end of the steel ribbon is made fast to any solid object, and the user is supported by a strap attached to the reel, the speed of descent being controlled by a clutch device on the reel.



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NEW RECORDS IN DEEP-SEA

9237 m **DIVING**

That deep diving is a practical procedure not accompanied by great danger when the proper precautions are taken seems to have been demonstrated by tests carried out by the Navy Department during the fall of 1914 off the coast of New England. In these tests only such apparatus as is supplied with the diving outfits of all naval vessels was used. About 100 dives were made, and although great depths were reached, no mishaps or difficulties were experienced. One diver went to a depth of 274 ft., and it is believed by the officers in charge that a depth of 300 ft., or more, can be reached without serious danger.

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 11-9-15

Daily Consular & Trade Reports
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SULPHUR DYES TO REPLACE
ANILINE
 9225 m

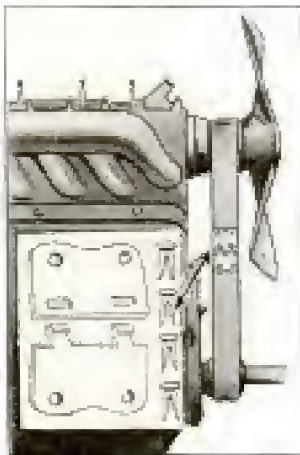
A discovery that is likely to revolutionize the dyeing industry is that of a process for using sulphur dyes for fabrics other than cotton, for which sulphur dyes have heretofore been exclusively used. The new process was developed in an English laboratory and is the result of experiments made for finding a substitute for the German aniline dyes which have been practically shut out of the market by the war. Aside from the fact that sulphur can be obtained from many sources, one of the principal advantages claimed for the process is that wool, silk, artificial silk, and hemp can be dyed together in one bath, thereby saving the cost of separate dyeing and that of dyeing by the present two-bath process. The process is said to be so simple that any competent dyer can learn it with less than half a day's instruction.

Auto Access

NEW TYPE OF BELT FOR

9199 m **RADIATOR FAN**

A new fan belt just placed on the market is designed to overcome one of the annoyances of motoring, that of the tearing out of the lacing in the belt that connects the radiator fan with the engine. It is equipped with a clasp consisting of a plate with hooks, fixed to one end of the belt, and a similar plate with receptacles for these hooks, fixed to the other end. These plates are so attached that the belt is noiseless in operation. The belt is made of the right length for the individual car, and is stretched in advance so that there is no stretching after it is placed in service.



E. J. Mitchell, Sales Mgr.,
The Belting Co. of Ohio
Cleveland, Ohio

Pat. of Hunsfield Technical College

Edwin Levick, 108 Fulton St., N. Y. City

HIGHEST REINFORCED-CONCRETE BUILDING



THIS structure is the highest reinforced-concrete building ever constructed. It has recently been completed on the Brooklyn water front, between the terminals of the Brooklyn and Manhattan bridges. It has 17 stories and measures 275 feet from curb to roof. Twelve of the floors are 125 by 200 feet in dimension, while the remaining five, which are carried in the tower, are 50 feet square. The building is one of a group of similar, but smaller, structures that have been erected during the last few years, and each of which is typical of a period in the history of reinforced-concrete construction.

DRINKS ILLUMINATED BY

9193 *m* NEW MIXER

A new drink mixer designed to be used with a soda fountain is equipped



with an electrically driven agitator and an electric light so placed that it illuminates the drink while it is being mixed. The motor for driving the agitator is mounted on a standard directly above the glass, and the current is turned

on and off by a switch knob and button on the agitator shaft.

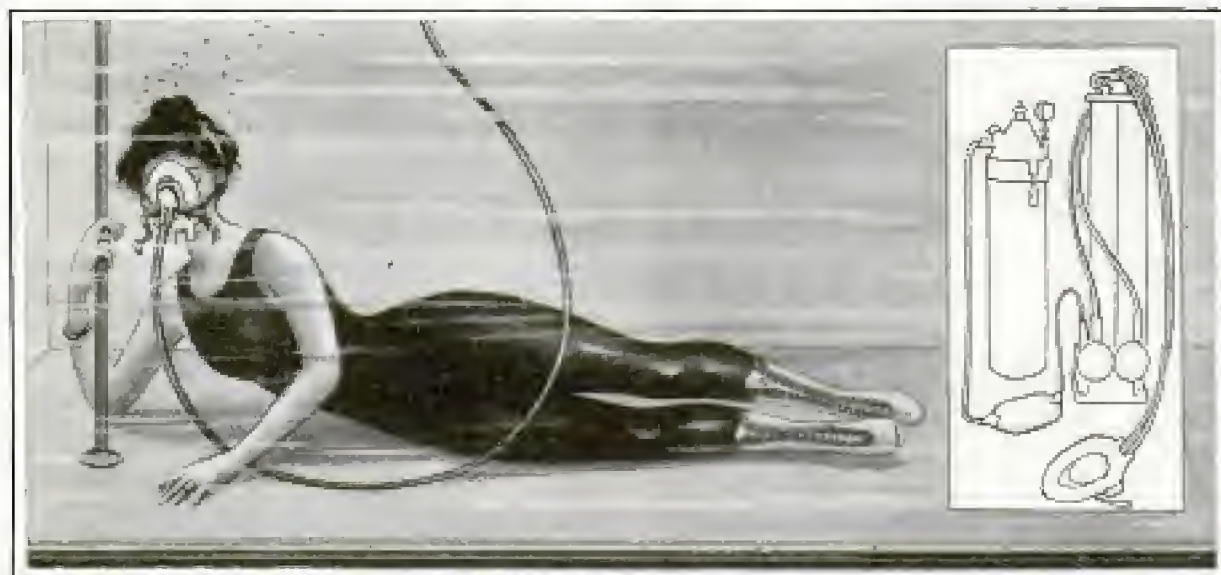
MACHINE KEEPS GIRL ALIVE

9065 *H* UNDER WATER FOR HOUR

During the recent Safety and Sanitation Exposition at New York, a young woman was kept alive under water for one hour and 10 minutes by means of a resuscitating machine such as is used by the government in mine-rescue work. The test was performed for the purpose of illustrating the ef-

iciency of mechanical respiration and was conducted under the direction of a former surgeon of the United States Bureau of Mines. The breathing mask, which has a double rubber tube extending to a hand-operated lung apparatus, was strapped over the girl's nose and mouth, and she was then placed in a large glass-front tank. Throughout the period she was submerged she did no breathing of her own accord. The function ordinarily performed by the human lungs, that of inhaling and exhaling air, was accomplished by the machine, each downward stroke of one piston in the two-action pump sending a proper amount of air, or in other words, a normal breath, into her lungs, and the upward stroke of the companion plunger withdrawing it. Because of the fact that the machine is so constructed that only a normal pressure is exerted by it, the girl was under no material strain while submerged. When taken from the tank she is said to have showed no especial indications of fatigue other than would be natural after remaining for a long period in water.

A glass which gives the same intensity of color values as daylight when used with a gas or tungsten light has been developed.



By Means of Mechanical Respiration This Young Woman Was Able to Remain under Water for More Than an Hour

Arthur Miller, The New York Press Club,
21 Spruce St., N.Y. City

BIG GUNS CHANGE WAR TACTICS

How Europe has Come to Realize for the First Time
the True Importance of Powerful Artillery

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SEVEREN months of the most terrific fighting the world has ever known has upset many previously accepted military theories, caused others to be modified, placed the individual soldier in the background, and made artillery preëminent in war.

War, as it is fought today, is largely a matter of pitting one death-dealing machine against another. This means that, more than ever before, the army with the strongest artillery is the superior force. It is the long-range field gun, heavy howitzer, and high-explosive projectile which weaken the enemy's resistance, more than rifle fire from the trenches.

At the beginning of the war Germany's heavy artillery was wheeled onto the battle field for the first time. The enormous power of its big howitzers constituted the one real surprise of the war. The introduction of a 16.5-in. siege piece to batter down fortifications was just as radical an innovation as was the "Monitor" when it made its appearance at Hampton Roads during the Civil War. So at the opening of the world-wide struggle Germany's enemies were in one particular unprepared: the forts in Belgium were not built to withstand anything heavier than a 9-in. shell, and even the 11.2-in. Krupp howitzers were too much for any fortification in their path.

Napoleon placed his chief reliance upon his artillery. His remarkable military achievements were largely due to his superior tactics, as he admitted when he asserted, "When once the *mêlée* is begun, the man who is clever enough to bring up an unexpected force of artillery without the enemy knowing it, is sure to carry the day." These words have continued to live in France, the result being that the Tricolor has always had the strongest field artillery in Europe and the most thoroughly trained gunners. In other words, France appreciated, probably earlier than any other nation, the im-

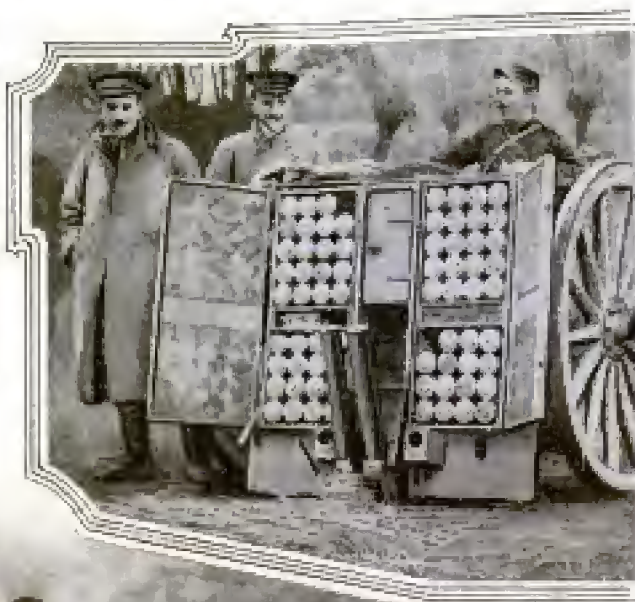
portance of having a strong artillery, for it has developed this arm of its military service beyond that of any other, with the possible exception of the aerial division.

Germany, so far as it is known, has only two of the great 16.5-in. howitzers. And now it is reported, probably correctly, that Great Britain has developed an even greater engine of death which will be brought out when the first chance comes. This new ordnance is supposed to be modeled after the master Krupp piece and to have a 17-in. bore. There is little doubt that in a number of instances the Germans have been credited with using much larger siege mortars than were actually fired, as for instance at Namur, where it is now declared that the 11.2-in. howitzer was employed. This weapon has frequently been mistaken for the larger one and pictured as it. Its existence was not unknown prior to the opening of hostilities. In fact, it was so well known that France, in 1911, also developed a 11.2-in. howitzer of equal destructive capacity as a rejoinder. This is a Schneider gun and is provided with a stationary mounting, concrete anchor weight and ground plates, when in action, instead of being fired from its carriage.

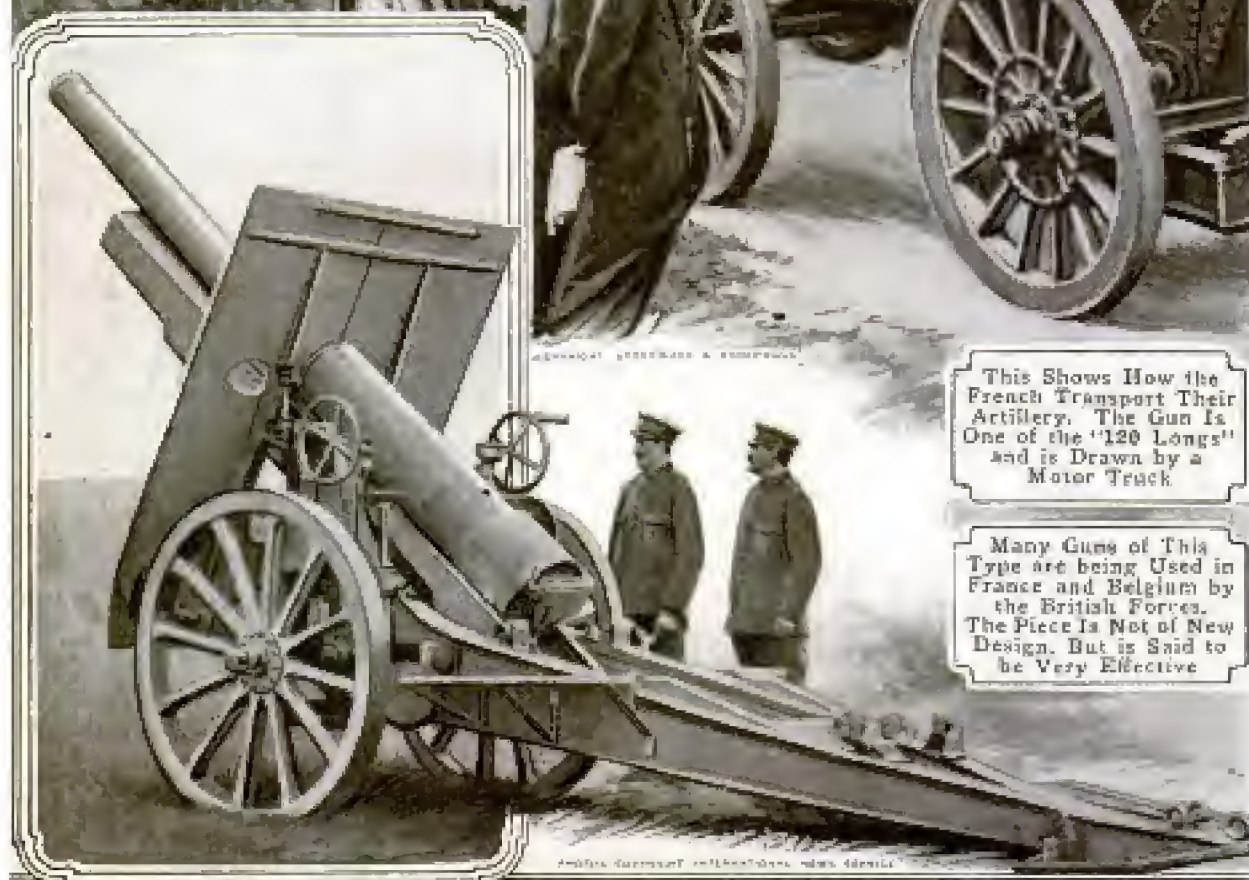
From this it would seem that Germany's strength in siege artillery is no greater now than that of her enemies. The reason that so much has been heard of the heavy Krupp guns and so little about the Schneider howitzers of the French, is obvious. So far Germany has been fighting largely on the offensive in the territory of her enemies, breaking through solid fortifications and storming cities. The allies, on the other hand, have been resisting invasion. If the coming of spring brings with it an invasion of Germany, which will mean the storming of the fortifications along the Rhine, the Schneider siege howitzers—and possibly the new British piece—will be



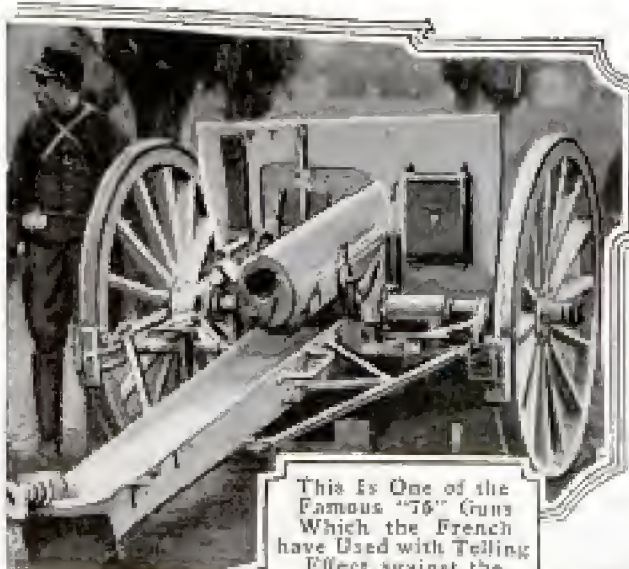
After the
11-inch Howitz-
ers. This 6-inch
Piece Is the Most
Formidable
French Weapon



This Shows How the
French Transport Their
Artillery. The Gun Is
One of the "120 Longs"
and is Drawn by a
Motor Truck



Many Guns of This
Type are being Used in
France and Belgium by
the British Forces.
The Piece Is Not of New
Design, But is Said to
be Very Effective



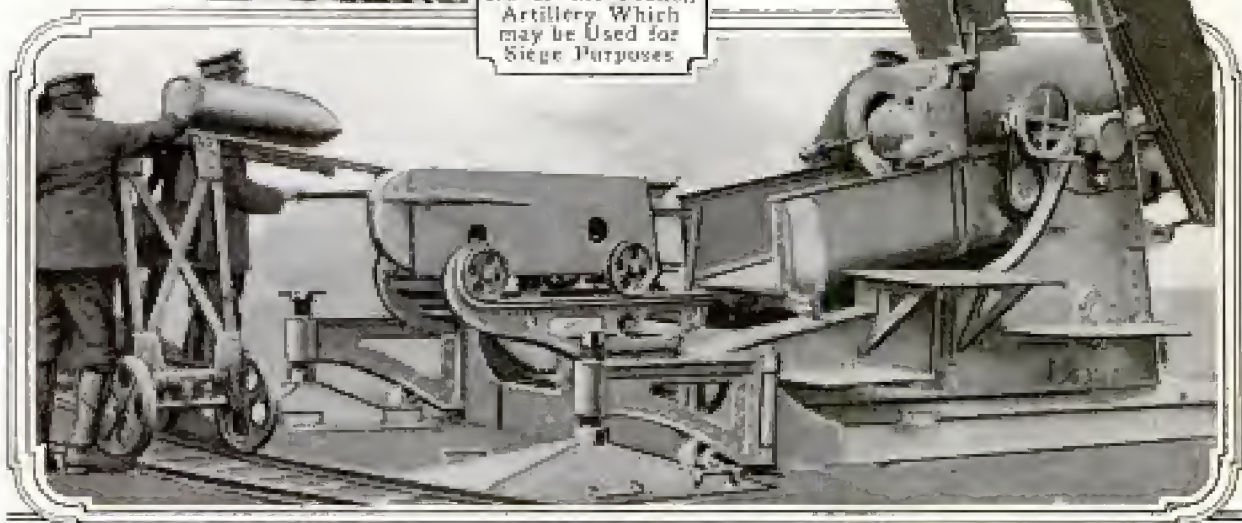
This Is One of the Famous "76" Guns Which the French have Used with Telling Effect against the Enemy's Trenches



One of the Heavy "Longs" of the French Forces, Fitted with Detachable Treads, being Tuned for Action



Above is Shown a Type of Gun Used by the French North of Rheims and at Soissons. Below Is One of the 11-inch Schneider Howitzers of the French Artillery Which may be Used for Siege Purposes



brought out for action. Until such a time, however, there is little or no opportunity to use them.

Very little actual information has filtered through the German lines regarding the 16.5-in. siege howitzer, or mortar. The measurements of the 11.2-in. howitzer, however, are known, and military authorities, using these as a basis for their calculations, have compiled figures for the larger weapon which approximate accuracy. These estimates place the weight of ordnance with the breechblock at 21.3 tons; the weight of the piece in action, 50 tons; the heaviest load to be transported, including transport wagon, 31.3 tons; the weight of the shell used, 2,565 lb.; recoil energy, 1,530 tons.

The actual number of these large siege guns and howitzers is comparatively small and by far the greatest part of the fighting has been carried on with field guns of enormous power but not extreme size. Britain's 6-in. howitzer, used on a field carriage, has won the admiration of its allies and the respect of its enemies. The same is true of the French 6.20-in. piece, while France's favorite "75," a 3-in. gun, has been used with very telling effect. France has another field gun, a 4.20-in. weapon, which is a large edition of the "75."

In the past, artillery has been used more for its moral effect than actually to destroy the enemy. This is no longer true. Today it is the real reliance of the army. With the aid of the reconnaissance aeroplane the enemy's trenches may be located and obstructions sighted. When the range is found, the shells rightly timed, and the firing commenced, whole intrenchments may be blown away and great areas swept clean of entanglements and other blockades. It is extremely difficult to conceal the position of trenches from aerial observers, and equally hard for soldiers to survive the fire of massed artillery. Never before have such careful precautions been taken in the construction of intrenchments as in the present struggle. Bomb-proof, covered, and undercut

trenches are practically new to warfare, as is the British trench with individual stalls which furnish protection on the sides from bursting shells and shrapnel. The gunner today occupies a place of far greater importance than at any time since the organization of artillery units. This is equally true of the field, siege, and garrison gunners. Upon them rests the task of keeping up an incessant rain of shells so accurately aimed that they wipe away the infantry trenches or demolish the gun turrets of a fortification miles away.

The French, in concentrating their artillery batteries against the enemy's lines, have placed great faith in the "75" gun, which, so far as caliber is concerned, is nothing at all uncommon. It is the rapidity with which this gun may be fired, the ease with which it may be handled, and, moreover, its high-explosive projectile which make it valuable. It is capable of being fired 25 times a minute, has a flat trajectory, and uses either shell or shrapnel. The fuse may be timed to explode the shell at any point of its trajectory, or left unset, which will cause the missile to explode by contact. The first shot fired by the gun drives the spade trail into the ground and sets the carriage so that the barrel alone is moved by the recoil. The gun is pivoted to the axle so that it may be turned to the right or left and fired without moving the carriage. Its effective range with a 15-lb. shell is slightly more than three miles.

The larger size of the same type of weapon, a 4.20-in. piece, known as the "105 millimeter," fires a 60-lb. shell at the rate of 15 shots a minute, and has an effective range of about 7 miles. The 6.2-in. siege gun of the French is a different type of piece and weighs approximately $4\frac{1}{2}$ tons. The weight of its shell is about 94 lb. This is a very formidable gun and is one which is much used in dislocating hostile artillery batteries. It has an effective range of more than four miles. A field gun with a flat trajectory, an equal caliber but a greater range than this,

is also used by the French. The British 6-in. howitzer is the chief rival of this ordnance. It weighs less than a ton and a half and fires a 100-lb. shell, either high-explosive or shrapnel. While in action it is held in place by a "hold-fast" anchor. It recoils in its cradle, is checked by a hydraulic buffer, and by means of a spring mechanism is returned to its firing position. The effective range is about 8,000 yards.

The Schneider 11.2-in. howitzer has a very novel mounting and one which it is reasonable to believe the British have followed in building their 17-in. monster, for it is much more satisfactory, so far as ease of handling is concerned, than that of the Krupp piece. In setting the gun for action a large hole is dug in the ground for it. Gallows are erected about this and a heavy steel platform of the "tank" type lowered in place. The hollowed-out part of this is then filled with concrete, which gives the gun a solid base. Eight or ten days are required for the concrete foundation of a Krupp gun to set sufficiently to be used, while with the Schneider gun this is not required, as the concrete acts more as a steadying weight, or anchor, for the metal base, making it immaterial

whether it is fully set or not. To prevent the rear end of the platform from sinking, additional bearing surface is furnished by two ground plates.

British engineers, previous to the announcement of England's new gun, computed that a 17-in. howitzer of Krupp type with the Schneider system of transportation and mounting could be made which would have a gross weight of only 27 tons. In the vicinity of fortifications in Germany the roads are in such good condition that even on hills three 22-ton traction engines would be sufficient, with the aid of winding gears, to move ordnance of this weight.

The "120 long" is a heavy artillery piece much used by the French, which closely resembles many coast-defense guns. Its caliber is 4.8 in. Great Britain and Belgium have also been using guns very similar to this in bore and range. The piece is used for dislodging the enemy's artillery, but may also be employed effectively against the trenches. Another gun, known as the "120 short," is of the same size but fitted with a shorter barrel. The unusual length of the "long's" barrel gives it its popular name. Neither this gun, nor the one used by England, however, is new.

COSSACK BOOTS THE LATEST IN FEMININE FOOTWEAR

9128 *m* Military boots, made to imitate the boots worn by Russian Cossacks, are now being introduced in New York City, and furnish the latest surprise in feminine footwear. These boots are made of suede, with vamps, heels, and trimmings of patent leather, and are to be worn with a tailored suit of a military type. They come in all colors to match the costume, but are invariably trimmed in patent leather.

Tests of wood preservatives applied to ties, timbers, poles, piling, and paving blocks are being made by 54 companies and cities.



These Boots are Made of Suede to Match the Costume, with Vamps, Heels, and Trimmings of Patent Leather

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NOVEL METHOD OF RAISING COLLEGE-CLASS FLAG

904' m
During the annual college-class scrap at a western university the members of the sophomore class adopted



an ingenious means of fixing their colors at the top of a 90-ft. steel flagpole so that the members of the opposing class could not get them down. The banner was first fastened, top and bottom, to the endless rope that runs through pulleys at the top and base of the flagpole. About four feet below the banner the rope was cut,

and the end tied in a slip noose around the other half of the rope. A short rope was looped around the pole, and the ends attached to the lower corner of the banner. The last operation was to cut the rope nearly through about ten

feet above the banner and soak that portion with molasses and glue. When the banner was drawn to the top of the pole the sticky rope jammed in the pulley. A strong pull broke the rope where it had been partly cut, and the banner hung securely at the top of the pole with only about four feet of rope dangling from the lower corner.

PANAMA CANAL WATERS

8923 m BECOMING SALT

As the result of a curious and unexpected hydraulic action in connection with the operation of the locks, it is now more than probable that the entire Panama Canal, including Gatun and Miraflores lakes, will in the course of time become salt, this action having already progressed so far that Miraflores Lake has been rendered brackish and unfit for the water supply planned in connection with it. In addition to this, the currents caused by the mixing of the fresh and salt water have brought about a rather difficult problem in the passage of ships through the locks.

The double flight of locks at Miraflores is located about eight miles inland from the Pacific, while the surface of the lake is 55 ft. above mean sea level. As a ship enters the lower lock

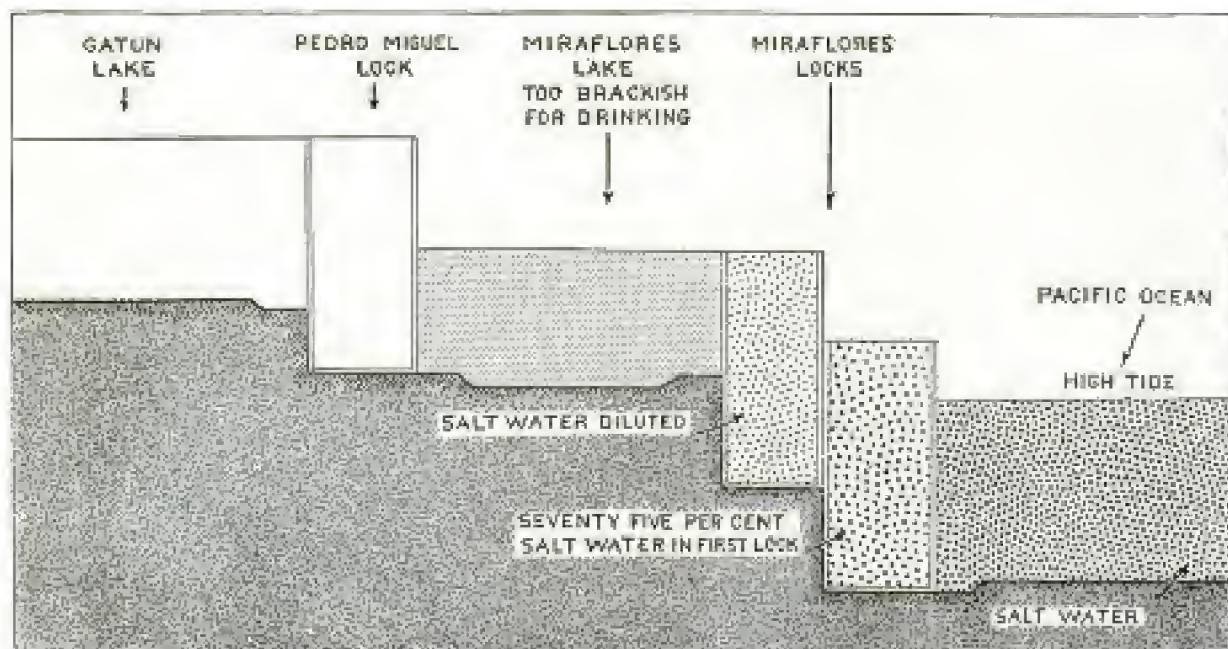


Diagram Showing How the Salt Water of the Ocean is Gradually Ascending into the Lakes at Panama, through the Locks

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Ornamental Flower Boxes Placed on the Roof are Becoming a Popular Feature in Southern California

from the Pacific there is a mingling of the fresh and salt water, so that after the gates are closed the water in the lock chamber is about 75 per cent salt water. Fresh water is then let into the chamber through the culverts to raise the ship to the next higher level. Owing to the difference in density of the fresh and salt water the resulting mixing sets up currents that often make it difficult to handle ships passing through the locks. The same process, with the salt water greatly diluted, takes place when the ship enters the upper lock, and when the upper gates are finally opened a small quantity of salt water finds its way into the lake. This process has doubtless been going on in the same way at the Gatun locks, but it has not yet advanced far enough to cause any noticeable proportion of salt in the water of Gatun Lake.

ORNAMENTAL FLOWER BOXES FOR BUNGALOW ROOFS

Ornamental flower boxes placed in conspicuous places on the roof form a feature that is fast coming into favor among bungalow owners in southern California. In shape and finish these boxes are made to harmonize with the architectural treatment of the building,

and when filled with plants produce a striking effect. The general use of these boxes is made possible through the fact that most of the bungalows in this section of California have flat roofs.

NEW HOOK FOR HOLDING LIVE MINNOWS

A minnow hook that holds the live minnow in a natural swimming position and permits it to move freely is one of the latest features in fishing equipment. The minnow is held securely, but without being injured, in a snap holder which grips the back fin. The fish-hooks, three in number, are attached to the holder in such a way as to be partly concealed by the minnow's body.



A new tungsten electric lamp has a 3-ft. filament coiled in a spiral.

Detroit Glass Minnow
Lure Co., Detroit, Mich.
73 Lafayette Blvd. W.

Albert Marple
322 Boynton St.,
Tropico, Cal.

The Graphic
**INFANT HAMMOCKS CARRIED
 BY PALESTINE MOTHERS**

7669
 When going into the cities or to marketing places, the country women of Palestine have the custom of carrying



COURTESY OF THE GRAPHIC
 Baby of a Palestine Woman Hanging in a Hammock
 at a Market Place

their babies in small hammocks which they suspend over their shoulders and support on their backs. Often these tiny beds are very elaborately decorated with tassels of bright colors, while as often they are very plain, and designed merely for comfort and service. At the markets there are usually racks supplied with hooks from which the hammocks are suspended while the mothers transact their trading. The sight of these small cradles hanging in rows, their young occupants peacefully reclining and often slumbering, is one of the things which always attract tourists.

Osage-orange wood is being used in dyeing textiles, furnishing a permanent yellow.

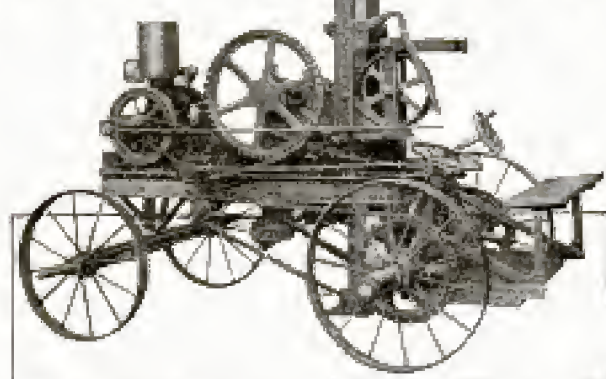
The Aeroplane
**GERMAN PAPER PRINTED IN
 FRENCH LANGUAGE**

9078
 It is reported that German military airmen have recently been flying over the French lines in different places and dropping a newspaper called the "Gazette des Ardennes," which is intended for the public in some of the districts controlled by the kaiser's forces. The publication is ostensibly one containing information from the outside world of interest to the French and Belgians, and is said to be well printed in good French. The text, it is asserted, is taken principally from the official dispatches of the German headquarters. When the papers have been thrown behind the French lines, which has been done principally in a spirit of bravado, they have been wrapped in German flags.

**NEW TRACTION TAMPING
 8550 M MACHINE**

A new machine for tamping, and for cutting and breaking asphalt, concrete, macadam, and other road materials, is equipped with engine which furnishes the power not only for the machine but for as well. Both the paratus and the of the vehicle on machine is carried connected with the and are controlled

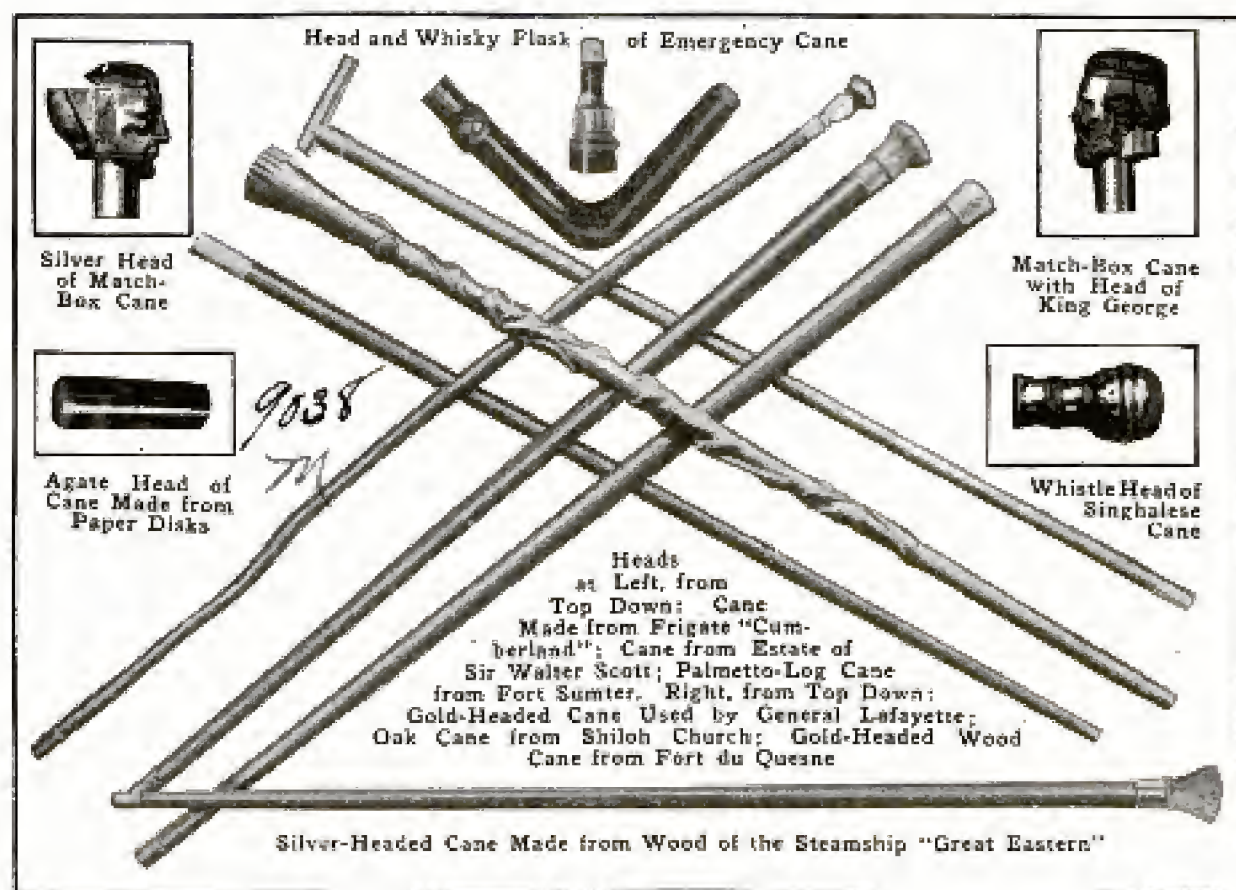
a gasoline nishes the operating propelling it tamping ap-drive wheels which the are chain-engine, from the



This Tamping Machine is Operated and Propelled by Its Own Power

operator's seat. Only one man is required for handling the machine.

*Pawling & Harnischfeger Co.,
 Milwaukee, Wis.*



COLLECTION OF CANES AT THE NATIONAL MUSEUM

A collection of canes made of practically every kind of suitable material and representing 45 foreign countries as well as 21 states of the union forms one of the interesting exhibits at the National Museum at Washington, D. C. Forty different kinds of wooden canes are on exhibition, as well as canes made of ivory, bone, horn, skin, paper, tin, wire, and other substances. In this collection are many canes that are artistic and others that are merely curious in shape, as well as some made for emergency uses. Among the latter are one containing a whisky flask, a sketching cane with drawing materials stored in the handle, a number equipped with match safes, mountain-climbing canes with sharp-spiked ferules, an officer's "swagger stick," and sword and gun canes of various types. The most interesting feature of the exhibit, perhaps, is the historical element. There are canes that have been carried by various presidents and by prominent naval and military officers, while

a considerable portion of the exhibit is composed of canes of wood taken from historical spots or historical objects. There is one cane, for example, made from wood taken from the U. S. frigate "Cumberland," and another made from the Confederate ram "Merrimac." One gold-headed cane is made from a log that was used in the defenses of Fort Sumter. A curious cane in point of construction is one made of disks cut from newspapers thoroughly compacted and held together by an iron rod passing through the center. The body of this cane has the appearance of rawhide and is finished with an agate handle. The history of canes is an interesting one, consisting of periods of popularity alternating with periods when their use was prohibited or when they were confined to the use of specified classes, these restrictions usually being brought about by the amiable habit that the users often fell into of employing their canes in the settlement of personal disputes.

J. C. McCarthy, Evening Star, Wash. D. C.
 J. W. Dorsey, Smithsonian Institution, Wash. D. C.

C. L. Edholm, 1353 W. 36th Place
Los Angeles, Cal.

Barber: E. J. R. Smith, Oak Barber Shop

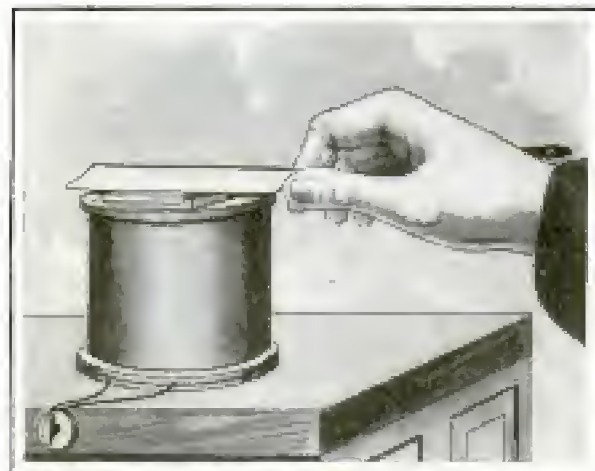
558/06 N. Spring St. POPULAR MECHANICS

Los Angeles, Cal.

ELECTRICITY AIDS IN HONING

8947m RAZORS

By placing an electromagnet in a base made to support his hone, a Los Angeles barber has devised a means by



With This Device the Razor Blade is Held Flat on the Hone by Magnetic Attraction

which the razor is held firmly against the stone while it is being honed. The magnetic attraction keeps the blade flat so that it is honed at the proper angle, and permits the work to be done faster than with the ordinary hone. The device is attached to the electric lighting system used in the shop, so that a turn of the switch energizes the magnet or cuts off the current.

RADIO USED IN GREAT WAR

8408H FOR FIRST TIME

Wireless telegraphy is now, for the first time since its development, play-



Hidden in the Lava Rocks of Ascension Island, in the South Atlantic, Is a British Radio Station Which Links Great Britain with Its South African Possessions

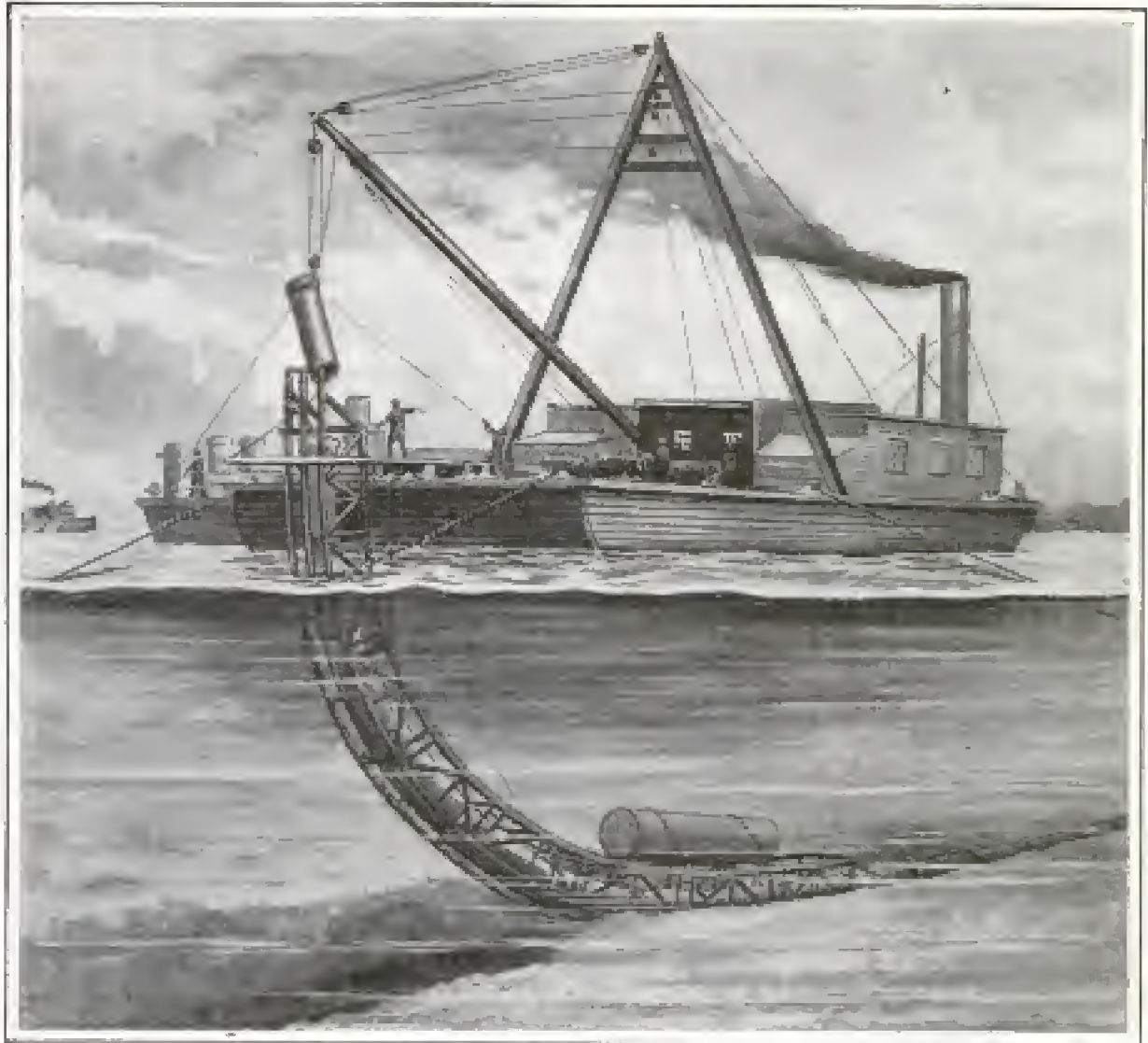
ing a big part in a really great conflict. Aside from the function it serves on the battle field it is the one means of quick communication indispensable to any nation in time of hostility, for it is the most difficult for an enemy to interrupt. The cutting of a submarine cable is comparatively as simple an operation as it is effective, and were it not for high-power radio plants a country embroiled in war would constantly be in imminent danger of being isolated from the rest of the world.

The accompanying photograph, which was taken since the outbreak of the European war, shows one of the wireless stations that links Great Britain with its colonial possessions in South Africa. The plant is situated on Ascension Island, the base of the British African squadron in the Atlantic Ocean, 800 miles northwest of St. Helena. A part of the garrison of the island is grouped about the entrance of the radio station, which is so completely hidden among the blocks of volcanic stone, of which the island is composed, that it is indistinguishable from a distance. The antenna is concealed in the mountains so that the destruction of the plant would be extremely difficult to accomplish, and would require much time to find even if the island were overrun by an enemy. Until the arrival of Napoleon at St. Helena, the island had been uninhabited, but it was then garrisoned by the British government. Today it is under the rule of the admiralty, is governed by a naval captain, is a depot for navy stores, and is used chiefly as a sanatorium.

SUBMERGED PIPE LINE WITH FLEXIBLE JOINTS

Novel methods and equipment are being used in laying a submerged pipe line across the Narrows to convey water from Brooklyn to Staten Island. The distance from shore to shore is about 10,000 ft. and the line extends across the busiest lanes of traffic to and from the port of New York. In some places the depth of water is as great as 74 ft. The pipe line is made

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By the Ingenious Use of Flexible Joints the Pipes Connecting Staten Island with the New Catskill Aqueduct are Laid on the Bed of New York Harbor at the Narrows.

up of 36-in. cast-iron pipe in 12-ft. lengths and provided with flexible joints. It is laid in a trench dredged out of the bottom of the channel and is to be covered over as soon as completed. The most novel feature of the work is the method of laying the pipe. A steel launching cradle, having the appearance of being curved, has its lower end resting in the pipe trench and its upper end supported by the scow used in laying the pipe. This cradle is made up of 12-ft. sections, each straight, with an angle of 5° between adjacent sections. On this cradle the pipe sections are supported as they are connected together, the joints in the pipe line being of a bell-and-spigot type that can be bent 5° out of

line without damage. Each 12-ft. length in succession is placed on the top pipe resting on the cradle and the joint made secure. The scow is then pulled forward 12 ft. by its forward anchors, power drums being used for pulling the anchor ropes. In this process the pipe line slides down on the cradle, and the lower pipe goes into position in the trench while room is made at the top for placing the next pipe. The average time required for making a joint and lowering a 12-ft. length complete is three hours. Both the dredging and the laying of the pipe are difficult and require the greatest care, owing to the strong tidal currents that run alternately up and down the Narrows.

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Security

POPULAR MECHANICS

DETACHABLE STEEL GUARDS

8344 H FOR WINDOWS

Steel window guards, designed to furnish adequate protection against robbers, have recently been invented



Steel Guards Make Windows Proof against Entrance from the Outside

which may be attached to or detached from a casing at will. They may be fitted to a window almost in a moment's time without difficulty, or danger of marring the woodwork. The bars are so arranged that they fit into the inner sill of a window and into grooves along the sash. The grating cannot be removed when the window is open.

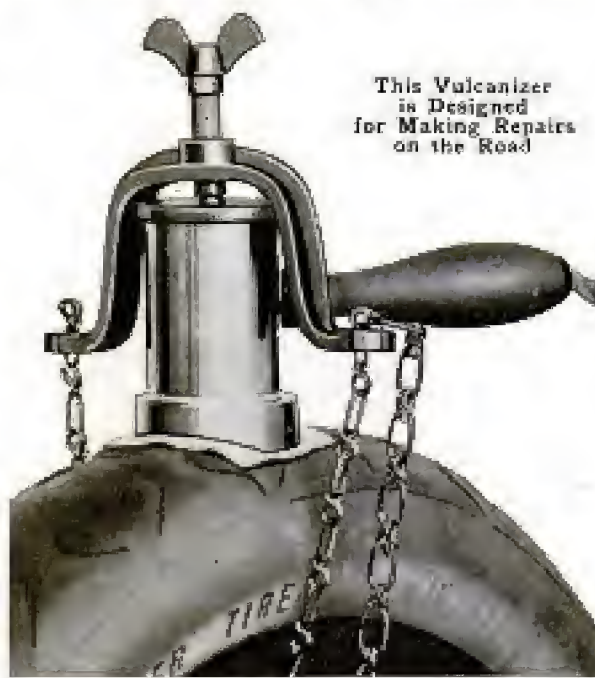
NEW PLAN TO SET CLOCK AHEAD DURING SUMMER

The plan of setting the clock ahead an hour so that it will correspond to eastern time, has been agitated in a number of middle-western cities, and has been adopted in some of the cities near the border between the time zones, with the idea of saving as much daylight as possible for recreation pur-

poses. It is now proposed to bring about an international agreement by which the clocks in all countries in the northern hemisphere will each year be set forward an hour on May 1 and then set back the same amount on October 1. It is estimated that in the latitude of London a saving of 154 hours of daylight a year would be effected by this plan. In connection with this better utilization of daylight there would also be an enormous saving in artificial lighting in commercial and industrial establishments.

PORTABLE VULCANIZER FOR 8568 m AUTOMOBILE TIRES

By means of a new portable vulcanizer that is designed to be carried on the automobile, it is now possible to repair a tear, break, or sand blister in the tire immediately and before it has time to cause a blow-out. This vulcanizer operates either from its own six-volt battery or by plugging into the lamp sockets of an electrically equipped automobile, or connecting with the ignition battery. It uses about



This Vulcanizer is Designed for Making Repairs on the Road

8 1/2 amperes, so that the current consumption is an unimportant feature. It can be connected and made ready for use in five minutes or less.

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Daylight Saving

COPPER AND CARTRIDGES

9278 S BY EDWARD C. CROSSMAN

HOW long will five billion cartridges last in a war of the size of the present one? How much copper has Germany on hand from which to make new cartridges for the infantry rifles and machine guns, new ammunition cases for the field guns, and driving bands for the shells of all sizes? Great Britain has declared copper contraband of war, and is trying to stop its going to any port whence it might reach Germany. Other things might end the war more speedily, but when the supply of copper quits, then the war quits likewise. The Germans were reported to have had nearly five billion rifle cartridges on hand when war broke out. They probably have four million men under arms, possibly more. They have thousands of machine guns, each of which eats up cartridges as fast as a whole infantry battalion. Twelve hundred and fifty rounds per soldier, excluding the machine guns, and the 5,000,000,000 cartridges are gone. Without doubt the Germans are reduced already to picking up the fired cases when it is feasible to do so. Trench fighting is particularly well adapted to this purpose, while from a machine gun the ejected cases are thrown so uniformly that a basket would catch practically all of them.

The German cartridge cases are not well adapted to being reloaded. The American government reloads the fired rifle cartridges, and the requirements specify that each case must stand 20 such reloadings without splitting or giving way at any spot. Hundreds of thousands of fired cartridges are reloaded by the United States Army each year, and the economy thereof is great because while the complete loaded cartridges cost $2\frac{1}{2}$ cents, the case itself costs nearly $1\frac{1}{2}$ cents, a saving of 60 per cent through reloading.

Both the German authorities and Sir Charles Ross, the designer of the Canadian army rifle, have experimented with the manufacture of steel cartridge cases. Ross produced them,

but they were too costly to be commercially practicable.

The start of the brass cartridge case is a flat disk of copper-zinc alloy. It goes through a battery of draw presses until it has been drawn out to a brass cylinder, about the length of the complete shell. Then the head is formed from the thick brass left in the base. During these drawing operations the case has to be frequently annealed, the process making the brass very brittle. In American cartridges the final operation is to "neck down" the cylinder to the proper bottle-neck form for that particular rifle. In the British service, where the cordite powder is loaded in the form of tubular strips, the powder is inserted before the case is necked down. Every shell has to be gauged to make sure it will chamber in the rifle, for a bad one might jam a rifle or tie up a machine gun for a day.

Brass instead of pure copper is used, because copper, while tough, has not resiliency to spring back to form after being thrust against the chamber walls in the rifle by the terrific gas pressure. If the case does not do this, it cannot be extracted. So the temper of the finished shell is very important. If it is too brittle, it will split at the neck or break off at the base, disabling the weapon. If it is too soft, it will upset or swell into the chamber's most minute rough spots, and cannot be extracted.

The chamber pressure of the rifles used in the war ranges from 40,000 lb. to 55,000 lb. per square inch of chamber area. The actual thrust on the head of the bolt holding the shell in the Mauser rifle is 9,000 lb. With the high pressures, brass has not always proved entirely sufficient to stand the strain. The cartridge case is the weak point of the modern rifle. The first sign that the chamber pressure is too high is the "flowing" of the head of the cartridge out into the unsupported space around the extractor cut, and over the head of the bolt. In very high pressures the case is literally

"smeared" all over the head of the bolt, flowing back like butter. The steel case is not open to the objections pertaining to brass cases, but steel refuses to be jammed at high speed through a series of draw presses.

Military bullets are made in much the same fashion as the cartridge. Disks of the jacket metal are stamped out of sheets and then run through presses to make the jacket. In American and British arsenals this metal is a copper-nickel alloy, about 75 per cent copper, and 25 per cent nickel, making, roughly, German silver. In the German service the jacket is sheet steel, plated to guard against rust. The presses finally turn out the complete jacket, just the shape of the finished

bullet, but of course hollow. Then lead or lead alloy, in the form of wire on great reels, the wire about the diameter of the finished bullet, is fed into a machine that cuts it off to the right length and pushes the slug down into the jacket.

The German sheet-steel jacket is supposed to wear out the rifle barrel faster than cupro-nickel, but it is easier to obtain in uniform quality and sufficient quantity, and it does not "metal foul" the rifle barrel. Cupro-nickel, on the other hand, when pushed up a barrel by the very hot cordite of the British service, or at the high speed of the American rifle, melts from the heat and friction, and leaves copper in the rifle grooves.

SALT IMITATES SNOW IN TOY BATTLE FIELDS

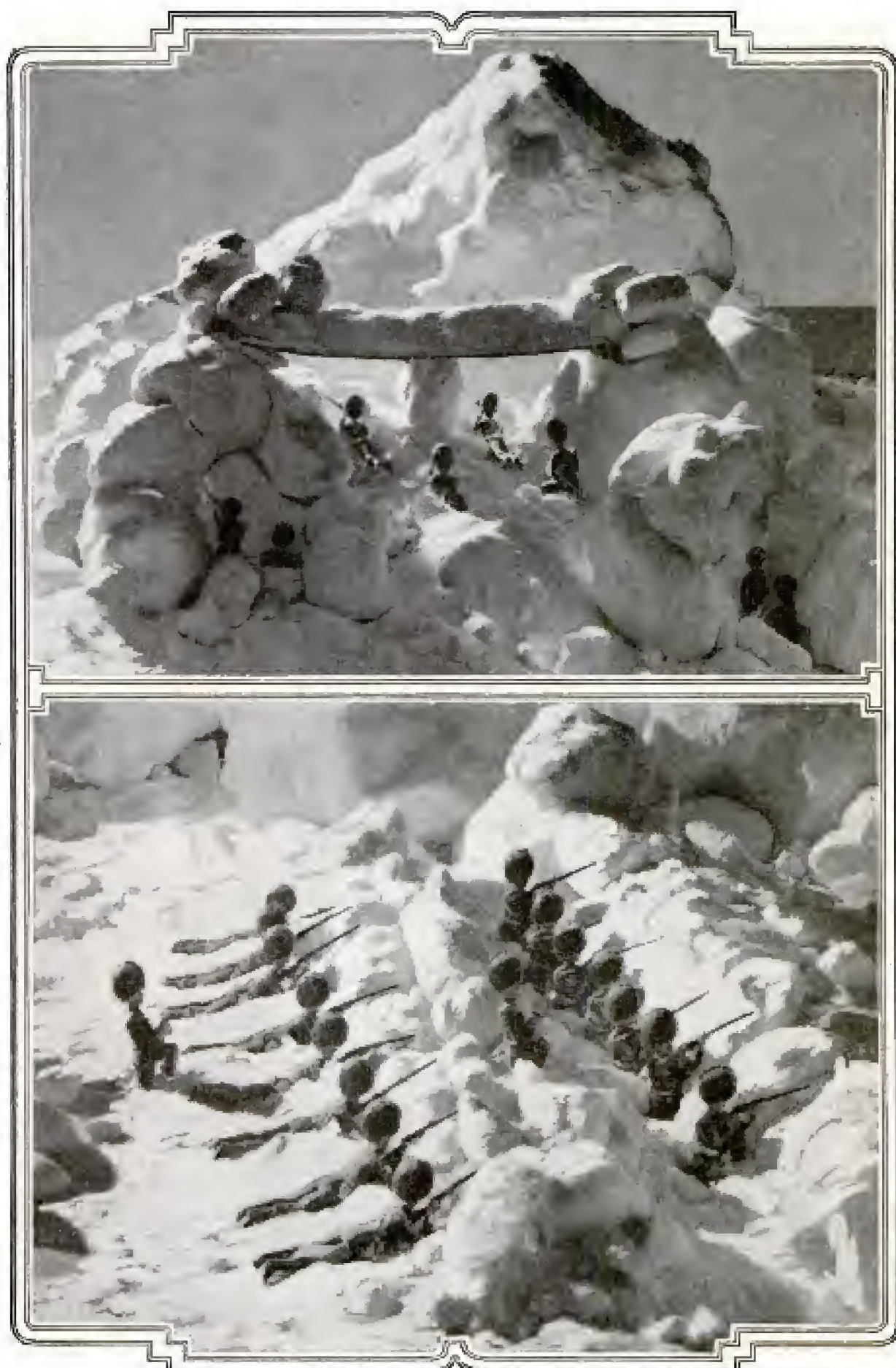
IN all the warring countries of Europe war toys have to a great extent taken the place of dolls. In England particularly means for enabling the children to play at the war game have been worked out in elaborate fashion, and toy soldiers capable of holding toy guns and arranged in battle array on battle fields made of salt to imitate snow are a common nursery feature.

These photographs show how the English children play at winter fighting. In the picture on this page a column of soldiers is seen descending a mountain pass, dragging their artillery after them. At the top of the next page a small body of troops is holding a mountain pass against Germans, while the picture at the bottom of the page shows grenadier guards fighting in snow-covered trenches.



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Monument Recently Dedicated in Memory of Dead
of Henderson Gulch

and between the years 1865 and 1876 it is estimated more than \$10,000,000 in ore were taken from the surrounding hills. The monument, which marks the passing of the mining town where it stands, as well as the miners, was dedicated Dec. 9, 1914, supposedly the forty-ninth anniversary of the discovery of pay dirt in Henderson Gulch. The shaft is of white marble and beneath the symbolic pick and shovel, cut in one side, are the names of those who are known to have died. On another side is the inscription, "God Sent You Here to Make a Wilderness a State. This Done He Called You Home but Left Your Work for Inspiration."

More than 100 entombed miners have been rescued by the life-savers of the U. S. Bureau of Mines.

SHAFT RAISED IN MEMORY OF DEAD MINERS

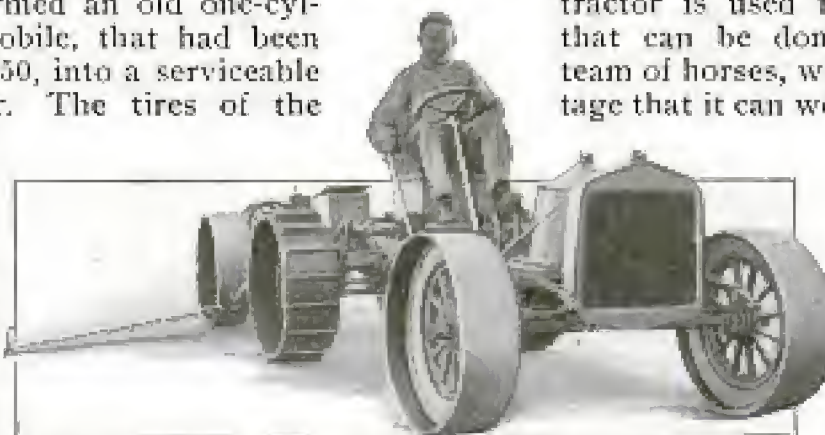
In memory of the known and unknown dead of Henderson Gulch, an old-time placer-mining district in Montana, a monument has been raised on the side of a hill above the once lively town of Emmetsburg. A lone log cabin, now in a condition of decay and neglect, marks the site of the town, which like the gold seekers has passed. The region was once a flourishing one,

FARM TRACTOR MADE FROM OLD AUTOMOBILE

By replacing worn-out parts and making minor changes in the machine, the blacksmith on a southern plantation transformed an old one-cylinder automobile, that had been bought for \$50, into a serviceable farm tractor. The tires of the automobile were removed and the grooved rims of the wheels were replaced with wide tires made of sheet steel.

The body of the car was then taken off, and a seat for the driver was placed over the battery and tool box. This tractor is used for any work that can be done by a light team of horses, with the advantage that it can work on ground

too soft to support a team. Sheet-steel traction lugs are riveted to the shoes fitted to the rear wheels.



This Light Farm Tractor, Shown Hauling a Mower, was Made from an Old One-Cylinder Automobile

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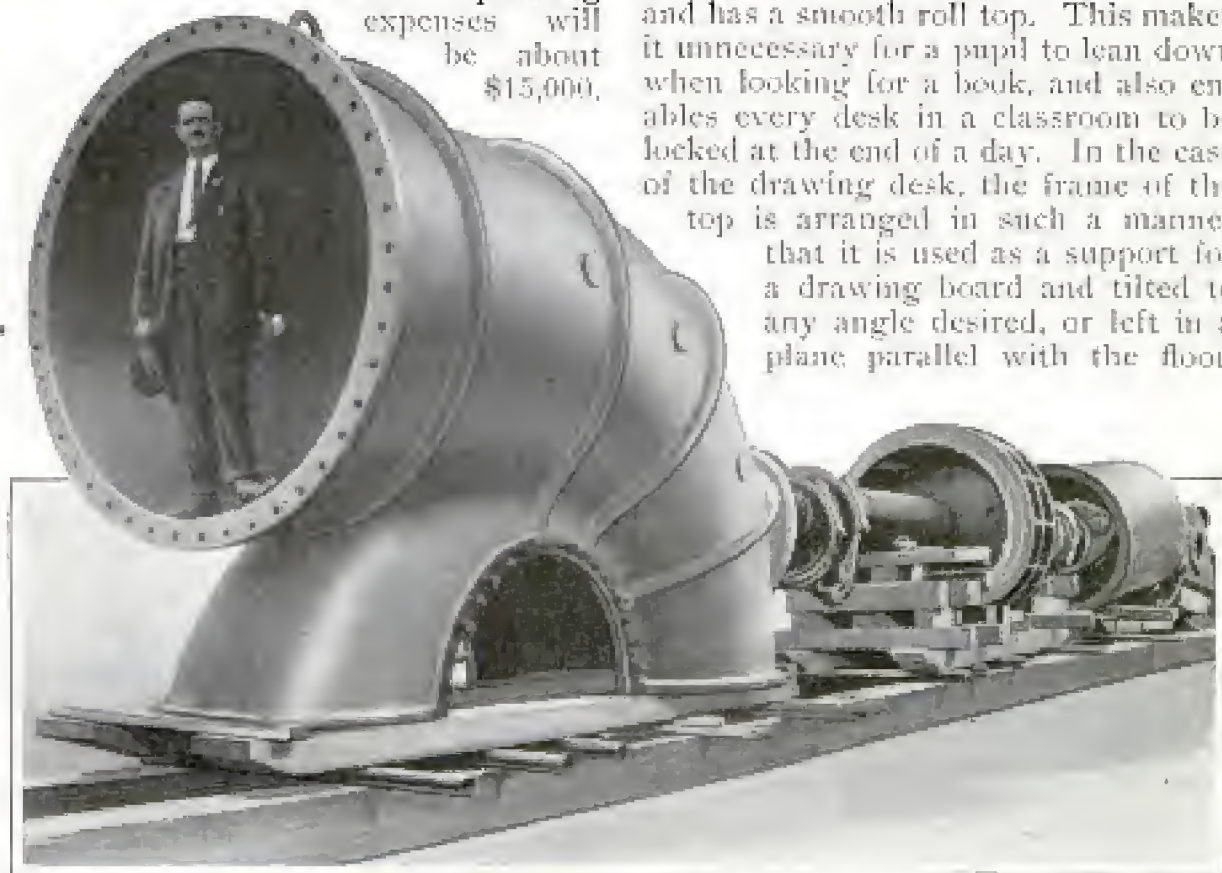
POPULAR MECHANICS

BIG PUMPS FOR DRAINING

8567m LOUISIANA LAND.

Five centrifugal pumps each having a diameter of 76 in., with a suction opening of 9 ft. and a discharge opening of 12 ft., have been built and are to be installed for draining a 37,000-acre tract of lowland in Louisiana. This pumping plant, which is said to be the largest yet built for drainage purposes, has a guaranteed capacity of 1,000,000 gal. a minute. The drainage district is practically an island, being surrounded on three sides by the Mississippi River, and on the fourth by a canal and the lower part of the Bayou Barataria.

The particular work of the plant will be to keep the waters of the canal and bayou at a low level so that the farms of the district can be drained into them. The plant has a foundation of piles, driven to a depth of 60 ft. and capped with concrete. The cost of the plant was about \$246,000, and it is expected that the annual operating expenses will be about \$15,000.



One of the Five Enormous Pumps Built for Draining a 37,000-Acre Tract of Lowland in Louisiana

ROLLER-TOP DESKS MADE

7416# FOR SCHOOLROOMS

Roller-top desks designed for common school and mechanical-drawing purposes represent a new type of class-



Roller-Top Desk Built for School Purposes

room equipment which has recently been introduced. The fixture intended for use in grammar schools is of the same general form as those ordinarily used except that it is entirely inclosed and has a smooth roll top. This makes it unnecessary for a pupil to lean down when looking for a book, and also enables every desk in a classroom to be locked at the end of a day. In the case of the drawing desk, the frame of the top is arranged in such a manner that it is used as a support for a drawing board and tilted to any angle desired, or left in a plane parallel with the floor.

ENORMOUS TIRES FOR MOTOR

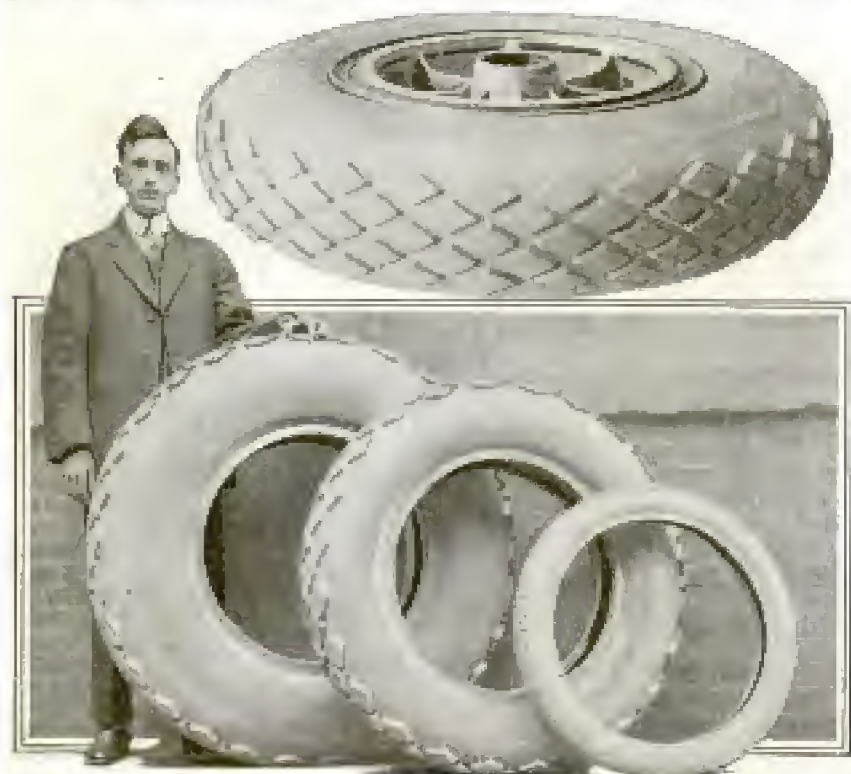
9043 m TRUCKS

What are probably the largest pneumatic tires ever made have just been placed on the market for use on motor

GERMANY ENCOMPASSED BY

9263 m WIRELESS

Before the outbreak of the war the Germans were engaged in the construction of a series of wireless stations, which have since probably been completed, forming a ring entirely around the German frontier. These stations are thought to have been planned particularly with the idea of increasing the efficiency and safety of operation of the Zeppelins and other military air craft, as with the aid of these stations an airship is not only enabled to keep in constant touch with a German base during an expedition, but can determine its own location when the land is obscured by clouds or mist. In addition to these wireless stations, all the large aerodromes in Germany are



How the New Tires for Motor Trucks Look in Comparison with an Ordinary Pneumatic Tire; the Largest of the Tires Is 48 Inches in Diameter with a Tube 12 Inches in Diameter

trucks of the heaviest type. These enormous tires are made in two sizes for different classes of service, one being 48 by 12 in., and the other, 42 by 9 in. Some idea of their size is given by the comparison with an ordinary tire shown in the illustration.

STRENGTH RECORD BROKEN

9182 BY NEW STEEL CABLE

All records for cable strength are said to have been surpassed when a 3-in. steel cable withstood a pulling test of 751,600 lb., or practically 376 tons. This cable is to form part of the longest and strongest hoisting cable in the world, and is to be used in a mine in Cuba. It weighs 15.7 lb. to the foot and is made in lengths of 8,000 ft. This cable has a hemp center around which are wound six strands consisting of 19 steel wires each.

equipped with powerful wireless so that no air craft, apparently, need be beyond the range of wireless communication with the military authorities when flying over any part of Germany. All the newer military and naval air craft are equipped with wireless apparatus having a minimum range of 120 miles, and capable of encompassing wave lengths of from 300 to 1,200 meters. The apparatus weighs only 270 lb. with its dynamo, and is so designed, according to reports, that all danger from sparks is eliminated.

BIG TENT COVERS BUILDING

9256 DURING CONSTRUCTION

Erecting a building inside of a tent is the novel method which was employed during recent cold weather at Cleveland, Ohio, in rushing work on a factory building under contract to be

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completed within 30 days. In constructing the building, which is 90 ft. wide and 202 ft. in length, the outer brick walls were raised to a height of several feet and the tent then set in place so that it inclosed everything. Steam pipes were laid along the inside

crushing mimona beans, in making an oil which is used for illuminating purposes.



To Facilitate the Construction of This Building during Cold Weather It was Inclosed by a Large Tent and Its Walls were Kept Warm by Steam Pipes

of the walls to hasten the setting of the mortar and safeguard also against its freezing.

The tent used is much larger than the building itself, so that it provided plenty of working room, allowing all the materials which might have been damaged by dampness if left unprotected to be kept under cover, and also affording protection to the workmen. Work on the structure was commenced January 10 and the building turned over to its owners ready for occupancy on January 21.

BRAZILIAN NATIVES GRIND GRAIN IN CRUDE MORTAR

8381/H

There are few, if any, grist mills in the interior of Brazil, and the cereals consumed by the natives are ground by hand. To do this they use wooden mortars and pestles, crude implements borrowed from some of the Indian tribes inhabiting the sparsely settled regions. Outside of nearly every hut occupied by members of the poorer class may be found one of these primitive devices which is used not only for making meal from maize, but also for pulverizing coffee berries and



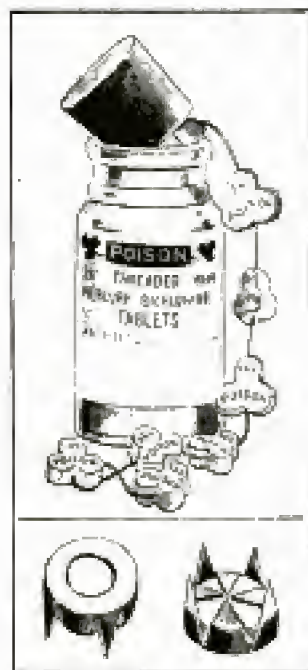
Grinding Coffee Berries in the Interior of Brazil

Robt. H. Becker
Field Museum of Natural History
Chicago, Ill.

NEW DEVICES FOR MARKING BICHLORIDE OF MERCURY

8819

Various methods designed to prevent the mistaking of bichloride of mercury for medicine, or some other



harmless substance, have been proposed with the idea of making it possible to use this deadly poison as an antiseptic without incurring any danger. Two of the latest of these are extremely simple but evidently effective. One method consists in stringing the tablets together and then bottling them in the usual manner. A

tablet can only be detached by cutting the string, and this apparently does away with all possibility of mistake. The other method is to incase the tablets in metal guards having sharp prongs, so that it is impossible to swallow them. The tablet can be dissolved with the guard in place or can easily be removed from the guard.

THE IMPACT OF FLAT SPOTS ON CAR WHEELS

9281

The impact resulting from flat spots on railroad wheels under different loads and at different speeds is being studied at a western university by means of an instrument that records the force of the blow photographically. In these tests, which cover flat spots of various lengths, it has been found that a wheel with a flat spot 3 in. long strikes a blow of 104,000 lb. with the car going at 16 miles an hour and carrying a load of 20,000 lb. Under similar conditions a flat spot 1½ in. long produces a blow of 20,000 lb., and a flat spot 2 in. long, a blow of 25,000 lb.

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LIGHTS TAKE PLACE OF THEATER USHERS

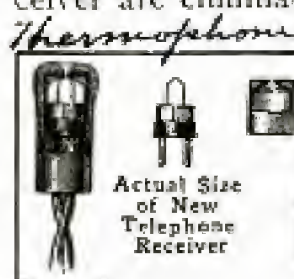
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A simple plan that practically does away with the necessity for ushers has been adopted in some of the theaters in Vienna. This consists in placing in the back of each seat a small electric light which illuminates the seat number and is countersunk so that it cannot be brushed against and damaged. So long as the seat is turned up, as it usually is when not occupied, the light is burning, but is shut off the instant the seat is turned down. With this arrangement all the theatergoer needs when entering the theater is general directions as to the location of the seat, since the number is illuminated and therefore easy to find. All the lights are controlled by a master switch by which the current can be turned on at the opening of the theater and turned off at the close of the performance.

TELEPHONE RECEIVER TO BE PLACED IN THE EAR

9284

The latest thing in telephone receivers is one that is no larger than half an inch of lead pencil and is designed to be placed in the ear instead of being held against it. The electromagnet and diaphragm of the ordinary receiver are eliminated and are replaced



by a very fine platinum wire housed within a small cover which is pierced by a minute opening. As the currents pass through the wire

they cause small increases and decreases of heat and the resulting expansions and contractions of the surrounding air are transformed into sound. The sounds produced by this receiver are not so loud as those produced by the ordinary receiver, but have the advantage of being pure in tone and are sufficiently loud for all practical purposes when the receiver is placed in the ear.

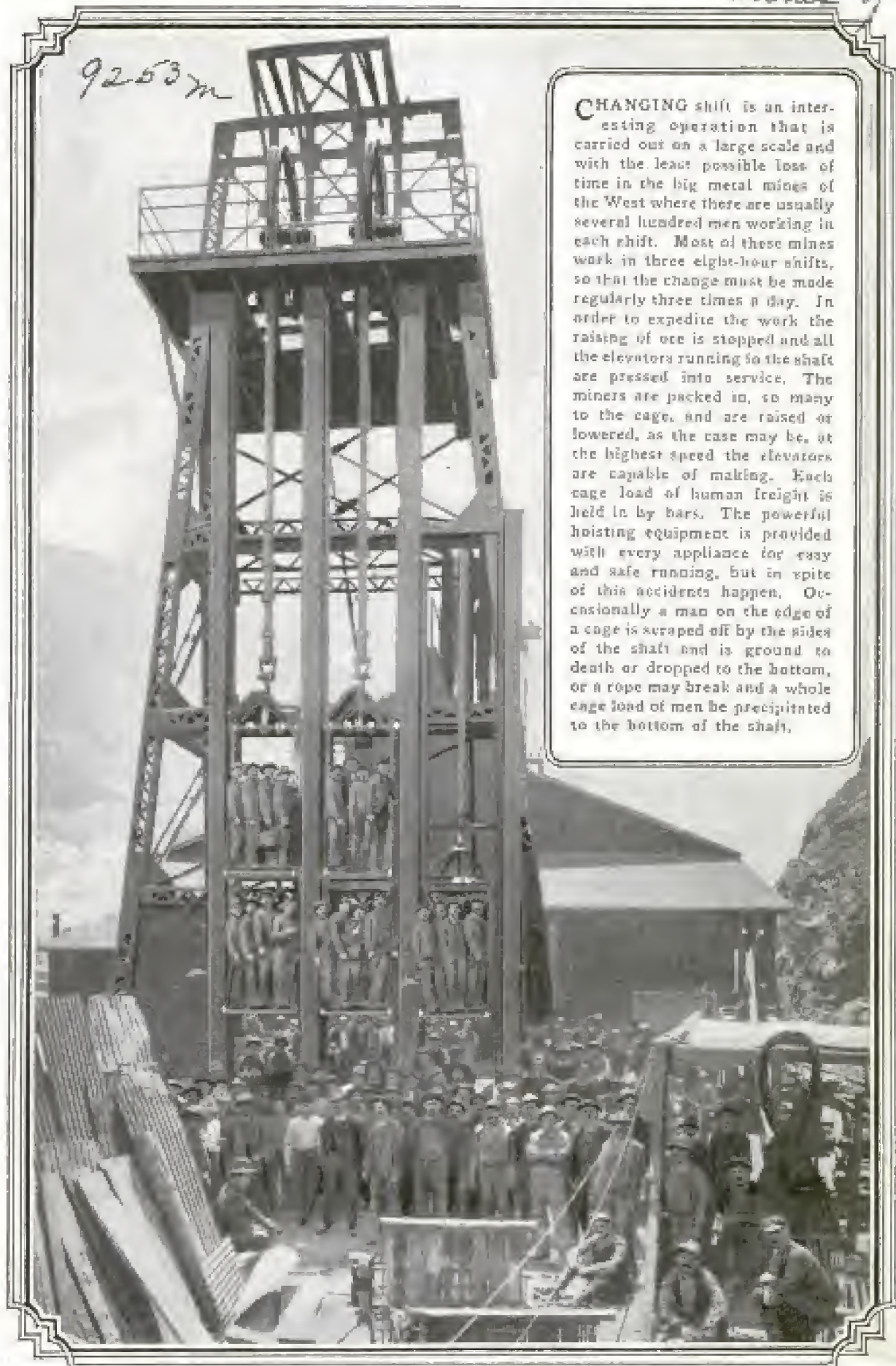
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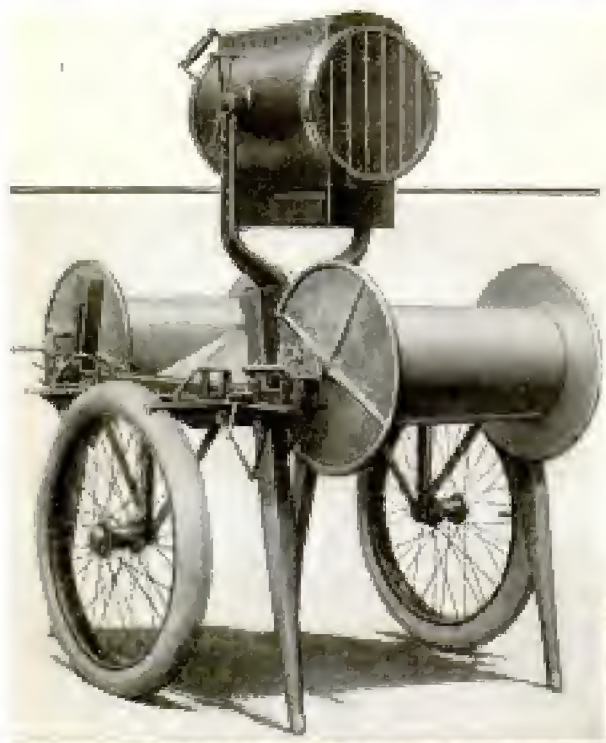
Elevator in use at the United Verde mine, one of the big
CHANGING SHIFT IN A BIG METAL MINE *copper*
mines of Ariz.



SEARCHLIGHTS AID LINEMEN IN NIGHT REPAIR WORK

8959
During a storm at Philadelphia extensive damage was done to overhead electric-light lines, putting much of the city in darkness and making it necessary for linemen to work in night shifts until the system could be repaired. To facilitate this an armored searchlight car, which had been constructed for military purposes, was placed in service to provide illumination for the workmen. The machine is

equipped with two 5,000-cp. searchlights mounted on rubber-tired sulky. On each of these carriages are two large reels of heavily insulated wire connecting the arcs with the generating unit built on the motor car. This makes it possible to wheel the searchlights for a half mile in any direction from the machine. The apparatus proved valuable in lighting long lines of poles and thus enabling the work to be carried on without material difficulty.



ELEVATED PLAYGROUND FOR NEW YORK SLUMS

869318
In order to provide a public recreation place in New York's densely populated East Side, an elevated playground has been constructed at the west end of the Williamsburg bridge. It is of street width, 480 ft. in length, and affords a breathing space for several thousand persons during the sultry days and nights of summer. In its center is an open-air pavilion where dancing and band concerts are held, while at convenient intervals seating accommodations are provided beneath awnings for the benefit of those who



This Military Searchlight Battery was Employed Recently at Philadelphia When It Became Necessary to Repair Electric-Light Lines at Night

Geo. F. Wrote, 405 W. 118th St. N. Y. City



This Elevated Structure, Which Provides a Recreation Place for Several Thousands of Persons in New York's East-Side District, is Situated at the West End of the Williamsburg Bridge

frequent the place during the heat of the day. Basket weaving and sewing are taught the neighborhood children by instructors, while folk dances, roller skating, and various other forms of diversion may be indulged in by them. In this way children who otherwise would be forced to seek their recreation in the streets are given a clean and much cooler playground under city supervision, and their parents also afforded a place where they may occasionally listen to music and escape much of the heat.

PUMPKIN IS MADE TO SERVE

8487 HAS RURAL MAIL BOX

The employment of a large jack-o'-lantern as a roadside post box is the uncommon use made of a pumpkin by a farmer near Skowhegan, Me. In making the receptacle, the inside of the rind was scraped, burned with a hot iron, thoroughly dried, and shellacked. The exterior was varnished in order to withstand the effect of the weather, and the receiver was then fastened to the top of a post near the road. Mail is inserted in the box through the

mouth-shaped opening in the face of the lantern, and removed by lifting the



Jack-o'-Lantern Which is Made Use of as a Post Box by a Maine Farmer

cover by the natural stem of the pumpkin.

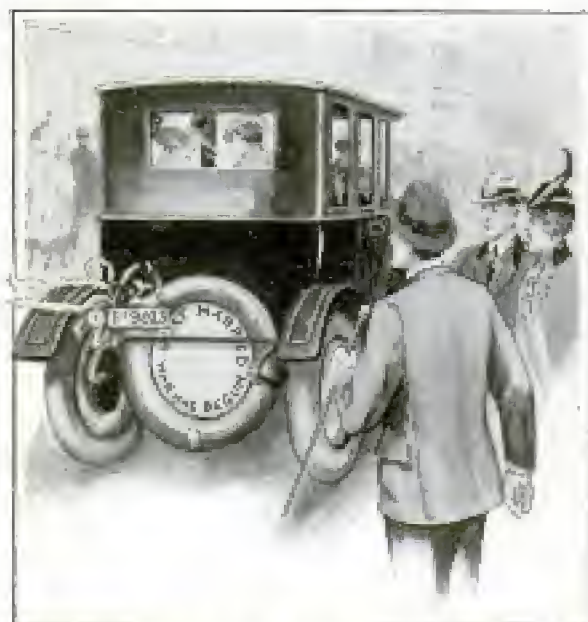
¶The Nobel prizes for 1914 will be awarded in the autumn of 1915 and, beginning with 1916, July 1 will be the date for the annual awards.

John E. Taylor, Skowhegan, Maine
maker of mail box, George Hayes, Skowhegan, Maine

ask Mr. Windsor
9040 m

DECORATED TIRE TELLS OF WEDDING BELLS

Following a marriage in Chicago, the enterprising friends of the bride and groom adopted a novel and very



As Indicated by the Decorations, This Couple had Just Been Married

effective means of giving notice to the public that the couple had just been married. The extra tire carried on the limousine in which the couple started on their wedding trip was decorated with ribbons, while painted in large letters on the face of the tire drum were the words "Just Married; War Has Begun."

EXTRACTING SALT FROM THE PACIFIC OCEAN

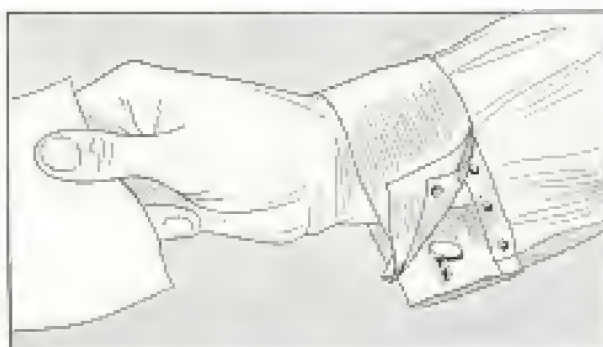
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 Because the distance from other sources of supply makes the process an economical one, salt is now being extracted in large quantities from sea water at San Diego, Cal. During the very high tides that occur about twice a month the sea water flows into a large storage pond from which it is pumped into a succession of smaller and shallower ponds until the evaporation by the sun's heat has reduced it to a brine consisting of about 60 per cent salt and 40 per cent water. In this process the gypsum, magnesium, and other foreign

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substances are deposited so that when the brine is drawn off into the crystallizing vats it is rid of most of its impurities. In the crystallizing vats the salt is allowed to settle, the water being drawn off and fresh brine let in until there is a deposit about 10 in. thick. The salt is then broken up and passed through a series of washers which convert it into "commercial" salt, good for such uses as tanning and pickling, but not fit for table use. To convert it into table salt, it must be dissolved in absolutely pure water and crystallized repeatedly until all trace of impurities has been removed.

NEW REVERSIBLE SHIRT CUFF

9798 m
 A detachable cuff that can be readily folded in a reverse direction so the soiled side is hid and a fresh surface is presented to view, has recently been patented. This cuff is particularly intended for wear with shirts of soft material, and when in use, it has the appearance of a permanently attached cuff of the folding type usually worn with such shirts. It is attached to the wristband by means of spring studs and sockets, as shown, the studs being fastened to the wristband in such a way that they do not project through and bear against the wrist. When one side is soiled, the cuff is detached, turned and folded in the opposite direction,



When One Side of the Cuff is Soiled It is Simply Detached and Folded in the Opposite Direction and Again Attached by Means of the Studs and Sockets

sockets for this purpose being spaced along both sides of one of the edges. The fold is so arranged that the folded part hides the sockets from view.

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PHOTOGRAPHS IN NATURAL COLORS

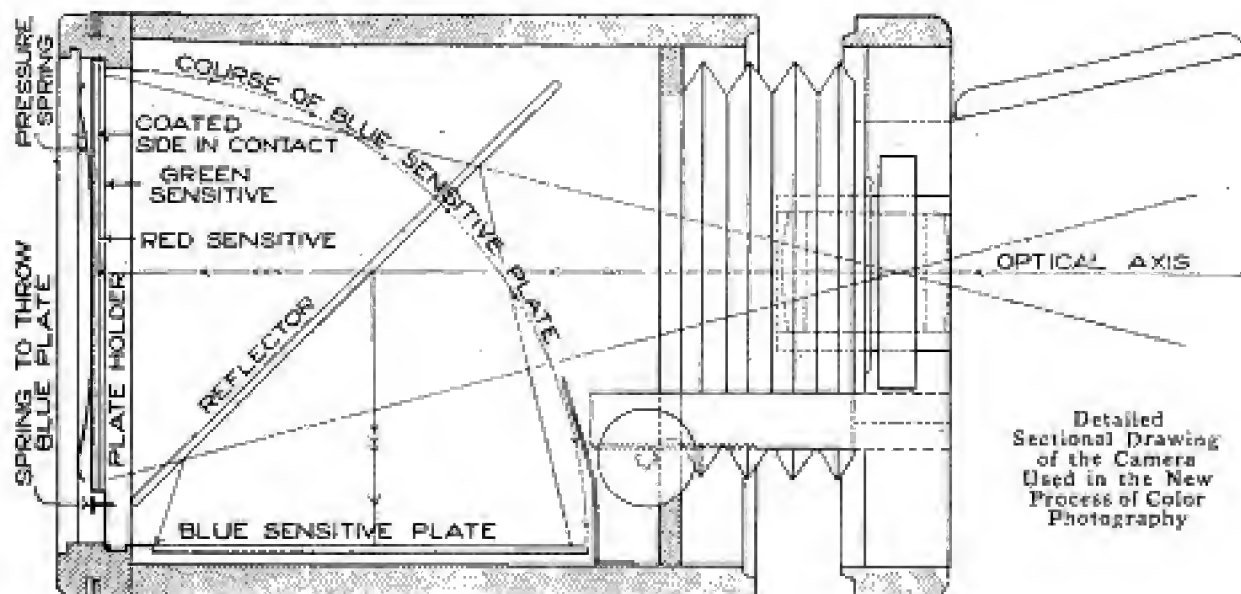
New Process Makes Reproduction of Unlimited Number of

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Prints Practicable for the First Time "Tripak Process"

THE reproduction on paper of an unlimited number of photographic prints in the true colors of the original subject, which has been the dream of every inventor in the photographic field, is now possible by a process which is stated to be so simple

taneously, by a single exposure, and from these, positives of different colors are printed. Two of the positives are on celluloid; the third, or bottom layer, is on paper. Each of the three negative plates separates out from the various colors of the object photographed



Detailed
Sectional Drawing
of the Camera
Used in the New
Process of Color
Photography

that any intelligent amateur can master it. Frederick Eugene Ives, the American inventor of the half-tone process of printing and the three-color half-tone process, as well as of many devices in the field of applied optics, has taken out patents on this new photographic method.

Color photography on transparent slides has been in use for several years, but only one transparency could be made from a single negative. No reproduction in colors on paper has heretofore been possible by any simple and dependable process. The new "Tripak" process has been reduced to so uniform a basis that color prints can be accurately duplicated. Tests already made indicate that the prints will retain the brilliancy of their original colors in spite of constant exposure to light.

The new process is based on the same principle as the three-color half-tone. Three negatives are made simul-

one of the three colors of red, green, and blue. The negatives themselves are colorless, but one records in black and white the red rays of light reflected from the object photographed, one the blue rays, and the other the green rays. In the finished prints, one of the celluloid films is dyed red, and the other yellow, both being superposed upon a paper print of peacock blue. The print from the negative that recorded the green rays is on the red film, and the resultant image of the green portions of the subject is transparent and colorless. When this film is seen through the layer of yellow celluloid and the blue paper is also visible through it, the greens of the picture are the same color as in the original subject, since blue and yellow make green. By applying the same principle to the other positives, every object photographed will, when the prints are cemented together by a transparent varnish, appear in its nat-

ural colors. Intermediate shades, which are made up of various combinations of the three basic colors, are registered on more than one plate, so that in the finished print the correct blend is obtained.

The camera used in this new color photography resembles in outward appearance the well-known type of folding camera, and may be used for ordinary photography, with either plates or film pack. When a color photograph is desired, a set of three plates, arranged in a thin metal carrier in a special plate holder, is inserted. When the opaque slide in the front of the plate holder is lifted, a spring pushes the blue-sensitive plate forward on a hinge to the bottom, or "floor," of the camera. The plates for recording the red and green rays are held firmly upright, film surface against film surface. After the blue plate has fallen into position, a sheet of yellow glass is dropped to form an angle of 45° with the plate on the bottom.

When the shutter is opened, the light, after passing through the lens, is filtered through a small compensating glass. It next strikes the yellow glass, which reflects a part of it down to the plate in the bottom of the camera which is sensitive to blue rays only. The remainder of the light passes on through the reflector glass and first

impinges upon the emulsion of the green-sensitive plate, then passing through a red, transparent coating on the film of the same plate, and registering on the red-sensitive plate. The length of exposure required is ordinarily a trifle less than one second, in sunlight, with a rapid rectilinear lens. After the exposure, the pressure of a lever restores the yellow screen to its former position and the blue-sensitive plate into the carrier. The plates are developed in the usual photographic solutions with the aid of a holder which makes it unnecessary to remove them from the carrier.

The prints from the three negatives are made at one time in a single printing frame. That made from the red-sensitive plate is on a paper which gives a print in peacock blue. After printing, the celluloid film bearing the image from the green negative is dyed magenta pink, and that from the blue negative, yellow. The resulting yellow and red films are placed upon the blue print so that the images exactly coincide, and the picture which results has all the colors of the original.

Transparencies may be made in the same way except that the blue print is also on a celluloid film. Experiments in the application of the process to moving-picture films are said to be very satisfactory.

NEW REAR SIGNAL FOR

8817m AUTOMOBILES

A new rear signal for automobiles consists of a semicylindrical lamp di-



vided into three compartments, in each of which is a small tungsten lamp. The rear face of the lamp is of glass,

and over the compartments are painted bands pointing right and left and the word "Stop." The proper signal is

given to a following car simply by turning on the light in the corresponding compartment, which is done by means of a lever carried on the dash. The faces of the three compartments are in different colors, the one at the left being red; the one at the middle, black, and the one at the right, green. With this arrangement a driver is able to make out the intentions of the driver ahead even when he is too far away to read the sign.

At the British embassy in Washington wool is being distributed to those who wish to knit it into bandages for wounded soldiers of the allies.

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POPULAR MECHANICS

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ELECTRIC METHOD OF

9223 SOFTENING WATER

m That the process of softening water for steam-power purposes can be greatly hastened by the use of electric cur-

OPEN-AIR PIPE ORGAN AT 9168m SAN DIEGO

What is believed to be the only open-air pipe organ in the United States was dedicated at San Diego,



This Open-Air Pipe Organ, a Gift to the City, has Recently been Dedicated at San Diego, California

rent in connection with the usual chemical treatment has been demonstrated by recent service tests. In using this method the water is first analyzed and the chemical treatment necessary for precipitating the scale-forming compounds is determined. After the chemical compound has been added, the water is circulated between parallel electrodes which are placed close together in order that as much of the water as possible may be brought in contact with the plates. Because of its ionizing property, the electric current hastens the action of the chemical in separating the scale-forming compound into its component parts, and in forming precipitates which coagulate and can be removed without difficulty. A surprisingly small amount of current is required for the purpose, it being stated that 10,000,000 gal. of water have been treated daily with a continuous power requirement of only 480 watts per 1,000,000 gallons.

Cal., on New Year's Eve, 1914, and forms one of the novel and attractive features of the Panama-California Exposition. This organ was a gift to the city and is of enormous size and power. The pavilion and flanking colonnade are of concrete.

FLATIRON HEATED BY

8308m GASOLINE

In a self-heating gasoline flatiron recently placed on the market, the tank is so designed that the danger of explosion is entirely eliminated. The tank is air-tight and has only one opening, which is at the top. The gasoline is forced out through this opening and through the pipe to the burner by air pressure which is applied and regulated by means of the screw projecting above the tank. It is impossible to fill the tank while it is attached to the iron,

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Electrolytic Purification Co.,
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while the slightest movement of the screw connection by which the tank is held in place shuts off the air pressure,



Self-Heating Iron That Uses Gasoline as Fuel: The Gasoline Tank is So Made That All Danger of Explosion is Eliminated. When Inverted and Attached as Shown in the Lower View, the Same Tank Furnishes Fuel to a Portable Camp Stove

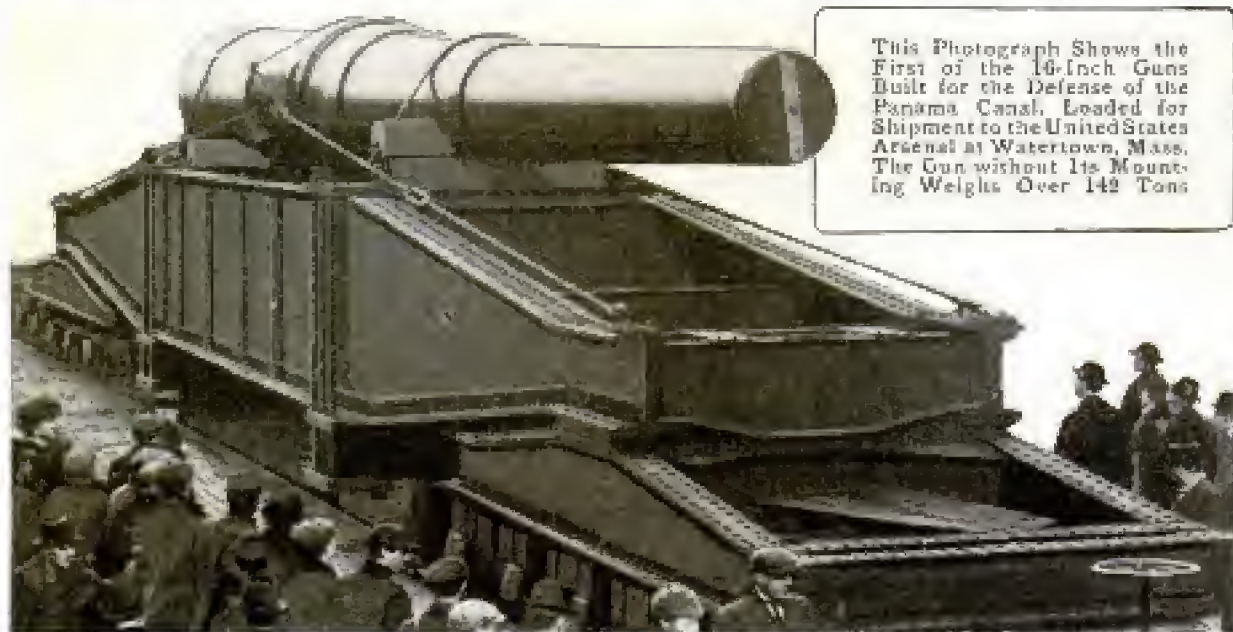
and the fire goes out. The tank is so made that it is readily attached or detached, and may be used interchangeably with a portable camp stove.

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CURIOUS EFFECT OF RADIUM ON DIAMONDS

9214m
Diamonds exposed to the action of radium become highly radioactive and remain so for years with apparently undiminished force, according to a statement made by a British scientist. In one case a diamond was exposed to radium for several months about 12 years ago, becoming sufficiently radioactive to affect a photographic plate. It has never been near radium since and is now practically as active as ever in spite of the fact that it has been carried about continuously and has been subject to the drastic treatment of being boiled in strong acids.

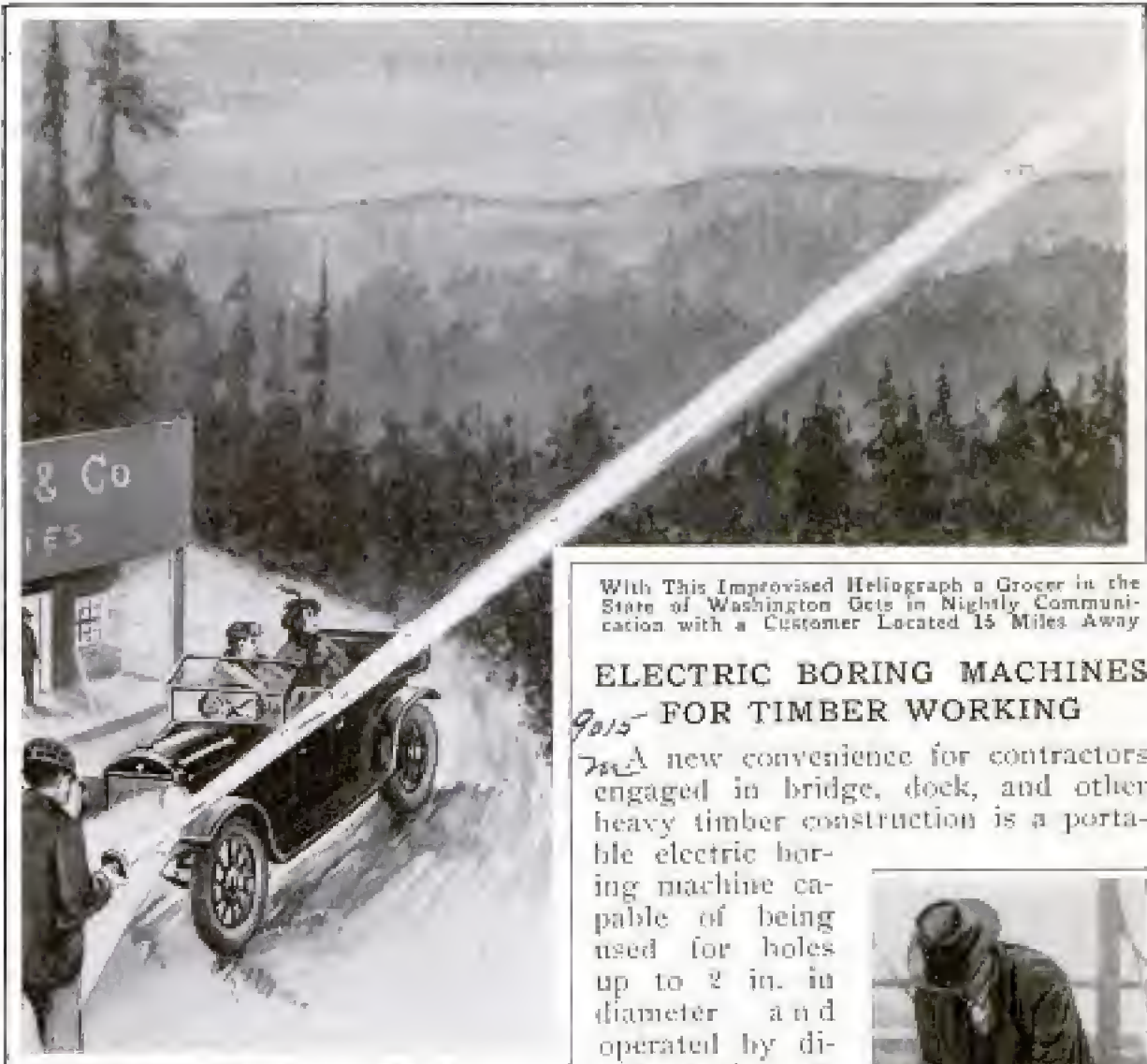
9257m
BIG GUN FOR DEFENSE OF PANAMA CANAL

The first of the 16-in. guns for the defense of the Panama Canal has just passed its final tests and is now being mounted preparatory to shipment to the Canal Zone. This gun weighs 284,800 lb. It is the biggest gun ever made in this country and one of the biggest ever made in the world. For shipping it from the factory to the U. S. arsenal at Watertown, Mass., it was necessary to use a specially constructed steel-bridge car which alone tips the scale at 192,420 pounds.



This Photograph Shows the First of the 16-Inch Guns Built for the Defense of the Panama Canal. Loaded for Shipment to the United States Arsenal at Watertown, Mass. The Gun without Its Mounting Weighs Over 142 Tons

*Underwood & Co. 417 Fifth Ave.,
N. Y. City*



With This Improved Heliograph a Grocer in the State of Washington Gets in Nightly Communication with a Customer Located 15 Miles Away

ELECTRIC BORING MACHINES FOR TIMBER WORKING

A new convenience for contractors engaged in bridge, dock, and other heavy timber construction is a portable electric boring machine capable of being used for holes up to 2 in. in diameter and operated by direct or alternating current taken from an ordinary electric-lighting circuit. This machine has much the weight and appearance of a pneumatic machine and is handled in the same manner. A larger machine of the same type, which requires considerably heavier power, and is made to use only one kind of current, is used for boring holes up to 3 in. in diameter, and larger. One of the big points claimed for these machines is that of economy, power being used only while the machines are in actual operation.



USES THE HELIOGRAPH TO

SELL GROCERIES

Perhaps the most novel of all methods of selling goods is that devised by a grocer in Tonasket, Wash., who uses the heliograph for signaling inquiries and quotations to a forest-service station located 15 miles away across the mountains, and receives orders flashed back by the same method. The grocer's heliograph is an improvised instrument consisting only of a mirror held in front of an automobile headlight. With this he flashes his messages in the code used by the Forest Service.

In a recent test 14 electric automobiles made an average mileage of 100.1 on a single battery charge.

Suppl. W. Montalvo Price Co.,
530 First Ave. South
Seattle, Wash.

AUTOMATIC COPY HOLDER

9175m FOR TYPISTS

One of the latest conveniences for typists is a copy holder that automatically shifts the notebook, or copy, past



The Notebook is Raised or Lowered One Line at a Time by Means of the Lever at the Right of the Operator

a line finder, one line at a time, through the operation of a lever placed at the side of the typewriter. This holder is mounted on the desk just back of the typewriter so that the copy is held vertically within easy range of the eye. The line finder is stationary, while the portion of the device that supports the copy is raised one line when the lever is pressed down, or lowered one line when the lever is raised. The device is easily adjusted to any spacing from $\frac{1}{32}$ in. to $1\frac{3}{8}$ inches.

WHERE THE MEXICAN PEARLS

8627m COME FROM

Pearls having an average total value of \$2,000,000 are exported annually from La Paz, a seaport located on the Gulf of California, near the southern end of Lower California. This city is the greatest pearl-fishing center on the Pacific coast of America, and the third greatest in the world. The shells, which often are 15 in. across and are valuable for their mother-of-pearl alone, are never found in beds, but must be

sought singly by the divers. The pearls usually range in value from \$100 to \$1,000, but most of the highly valuable pearls possessed by the European dynasties are said to have come from the coast around La Paz. Diving for pearls is about as injurious as any occupation could well be, resulting in deafness first and then in nervous prostration. Few of the divers are able to follow the work for more than five years.

FURNITURE BURNED TO SHOW

9156m HOUSE FIREPROOF

In order to demonstrate the fireproof qualities of his new residence on Long Island, a former chief of the New York fire department recently started a fire in one of its rooms and allowed it to burn unwatched. The chamber was thoroughly sprinkled with kerosene before it was ignited. In an adjoining room dinner was served to a party of guests, some time after which the family retired for the night without examining the blazing room. At nine o'clock on the following morning the door was opened, disclosing that everything that had been in the room had been entirely consumed, but the chamber itself, aside from its decorations, was uninjured. The building is constructed of reinforced concrete, hollow tile, asbestos, steel finishings, and wire-glass windows. The only combustible thing used in it is a wood molding, which was uninjured by the fire because of a protective coating of fireproof paint. Each room in the residence is supplied with a fire-detecting device which indicates on an annunciator in another part of the building the exact location of a fire within a half minute after it starts. An asbestos stucco is one of the materials used in the structure. This has no sand content, but instead is composed of ground asbestos fiber mixed with cement. The plastering likewise has an asbestos base so that it is capable of resisting fire. The plumbing and wiring are all incased in cement. The building is valued at \$40,000 and is uninsured.

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Marine Journal
Geo. G. Bouché & Co.
La Paz, Lower Calif.
Mexico
See F. Werts, 3089 Broadway
N. Y. C.
House owned by ex-Fire Chief
Broker of New York.



R. W. Mattox, 503 Consoli-
dated Bldg., Jacksonville, Fla.

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POPULAR MECHANICS

SEMAPHORE FOR CONTROL- LING STREET TRAFFIC

7545

After years spent in unraveling traf-
fic tangles, a crossing policeman in



Semaphore That Takes the Place of the Crossing
Policeman's Whistle

Jacksonville, Fla., has devised a sema-
phore that controls not only the traffic

that goes straight ahead, but vehicles
that are to turn the corner as well.
This device consists of two pairs of
signboards set at right angles to each
other, one pair being red with the
warning "Stop" displayed in large let-
ters, and the other pair white, with the
word "Open." These boards are
mounted on a vertical shaft which is
turned back and forth with a handle.
Screened lights illuminate the sema-
phore arms at night. These are sup-
plied with current by a storage battery,
which also operates the bell that gives
warning when the semaphore is being
turned. The rule in using this sema-
phore is that the center line of the inter-
secting street cannot be crossed if the
red is set against the vehicle. A driver
coming up to either the red or white
signal is free to turn to the right, but
can only turn to the left when given the
white signal, as this involves crossing
the center line of the cross street.

Two pounds of wood has the fuel
value of one pound of coal, according
to calculations by the Forest Service.

CRUDE VEHICLES EMPLOYED THROUGHOUT CHINA

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One of the
vehicles most
commonly
seen in China is
the wheelbar-
row, which is

used by farmers and merchants alike
for hauling purposes. This type of
conveyance is almost universally em-
ployed in transporting agricultural
products to the city markets in those
sections of the country where the

roads are of a character
that will permit pas-
sage. They are usually
very crudely con-
structed and exceed-
ingly heavy. The
greater part of the
weight is supported by
the shoulders of the
pusher, over which a
canvas strap, attached
to the handles of the
vehicle, passes like a
yoke. Not only horses
but other draft animals
are almost unknown
in rural China.

How Meats and Produce are Brought to the Markets in China

Janet M. Cummings; 316 E. 112th St. N.Y. City

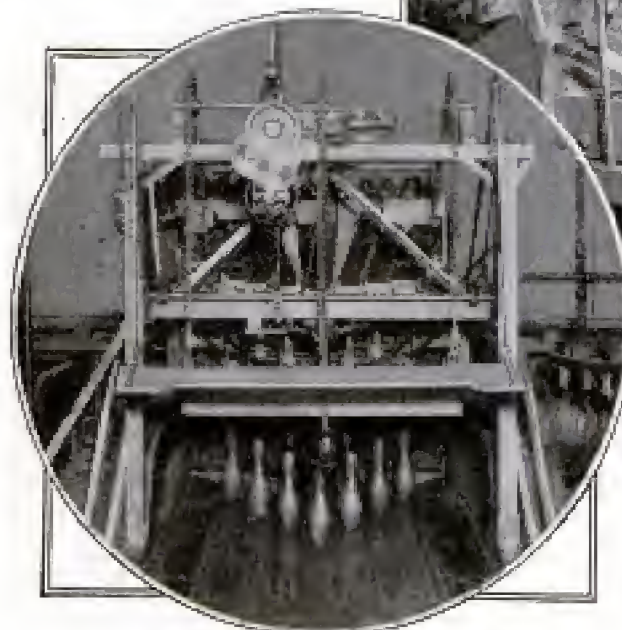
Ernest Hedenshoog, inventor of machine, the model
of which is at the Bensinger Alloys, 29 W. Randolph St.,
POPULAR MECHANICS Chicago 581

ELECTRIC PIN SETTER FOR BOWLING ALLEYS

8465 H. Brunswick - Balke - Collender Co.,
623 So. Wabash av. Chicago

Performing its various operations with exactness and speed, an electrical apparatus has been invented to replace pin boys in bowling alleys and do the work more cheaply and with greater efficiency than is possible by

white button on the control board, a sweeper arm at the front of the ma-

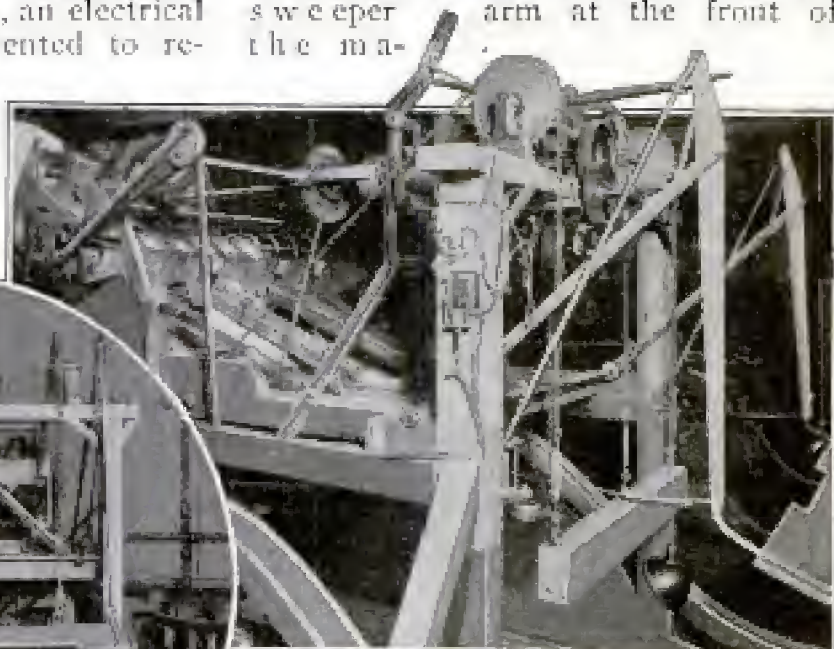


Electric Pin Setter as It Looks to Bowlers

manual labor. One serious obstacle that has always stood in the way of the practical development of such a machine was the problem of removing the fallen pins, or "dead wood," from an alley without disturbing those still standing. This difficulty has been overcome by the employment of electromagnets.

Every action of the electric pin setter is controlled through the electric push buttons of a control board on a post at the player's end of the alley. On the top of it are two buttons, one white, the other black, while a leaf forming one side, like the lid of a cigar box, carries 10 numbered buttons arranged in pyramid form similar to a "set up" of tenpins.

Assuming that the pins are set ready for play, a bowler, for illustration, rolls a ball and scores a "strike," knocking down all the pins. By pushing the



Some of the Machinery That Operates the Electric Pin Setter

chine descends to the floor and moves backward, clearing the alley of any pins which may have remained on it. As it rises, a rack drops, setting 10 pins on the spots and then returning to its position. The second bowler scores a "spare," one pin remaining standing with "dead wood" about it. By pushing the black button the pin rack descends. On the under side of it is a series of 10 electromagnetic disks. One of these comes in contact with the top of the standing pin, in which there is a steel plug. The rack then rises automatically, lifting the standing pin with it, while the sweeper arm descends and clears away the "dead wood." As the latter goes back to its normal position the rack once more drops, placing the standing pin in exactly the same position it was in originally, the disks at the same instant being demagnetized and releasing it.

If by a mistake the bowler had pressed the white button instead of the black, the result would have been that an entirely new set of pins would have been set. Instead of losing his

play, however, the bowler raises the side leaf of the control board and presses the buttons corresponding to the numbers of those he wishes to have replaced, as for example, those numbered three and eight. These buttons form a contact with the two magnets immediately above the respective pins which it is wished to reach. The rack is lowered, the two pins selected are lifted while the sweeper arm removes the rest from the alley. The rack then descends and replaces the two pins. The diameters of the magnetic disks are such, that should a pin be jarred an inch or two from its spot, it will be replaced exactly in that same position after being lifted for the removal of "dead wood."

Instead of having the customary flat-bottomed pit at the end of the alley, there is a cylindrical hopper. Moving through this is an endless-chain bucket conveyor into which the pins and balls fall as they are knocked from the alley. As the balls are carried up this conveyor they are dropped out on a returning track, down which they roll to the bowler. The pins, however, are elevated to the top of the machine and dropped one by one into a channel, bottom first, falling to a horizontal distributing rack into which

they are fed by a worm. When this rack is full, a catch is released which allows the pins to drop by gravity through distributing chutes to the cupped holders in the pin rack. Twenty-nine pins are used in the operation of the machine, in order that the rack may always be full. In performing any one of its several functions, the apparatus consumes only a few seconds, thus shortening considerably the length of the average game.

CASEMENT SASH CONTROLLED 89324 BY NEW METHOD

Artistic effects for both the interior and outside of a house or building may be obtained with a recently invented casement window. An opening in the wall of any desired length can be treated as a single window, or group of windows, by means of this device. The window sash may be used either singly or in pairs. In the latter instance adjacent sides are hinged together, while the outer edge of each sash is mounted at the head of the casing on a roller bearing that moves in a track, and at the sill with a roller and flange device. The windows open outward, folding together, and since their pivotal points are not fixed they may be readily

"The Whitney Casement Hardware"



Very Pleasing Effects may be Had with This Style of Window

Mr. H. E. Holbrook & Co., 444-5-6 John Hancock Bldg.
Boston, Mass.
W. L. Van Damm, Sales Agent
183 N. Wabash Av., Chicago.

moved to either side. As many pairs as are needed to cover an opening may be used together. In no case is there any hinged connection between one pair and another, or between them and the sides of the casing.

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THE REVOLUTION OF SPIRAL
9222 *m* NEBULÆ

That spiral nebulae have a rotary motion similar to that of a planet is said to have been proved by recent spectrum observations made at the Lowell observatory at Flagstaff, Ariz. This theory has long been held by astronomers but has never before been verified by actual observation. The proof was found in a curvature of the lines in the spectrum of the nebula corresponding to the curvature in the lines of the spectrum of a planet and known to be caused by the rotation of the planet on its axis.

Pressed Steel Wheel Co.
1004 So. Hill St.,
Los Angeles, Calif.
8406 *m* PRESSED-STEEL CENTER

A pressed-steel disk, stamped with alternate ridges and depressions that radiate from the center like spokes, is the feature in a new steel wheel that is now being introduced in the motor-car trade. This disk is made with an opening for the hub at the center, is rigidly bolted, or riveted, in between the hub and rim of the wheel, and can be fitted to any standard hub and rim when it is desired to substitute it for the wooden spokes in an automobile wheel. Not only automobile wheels but wheels for other kinds of vehicles, ranging from motor trucks to wheelbarrows, are now being made in this manner.



C. L. Edholm, 1323 W. 36th St.
Los Angeles, Cal.

LOCKING HOLDER FOR HAT,
8563 *m* COAT, AND UMBRELLA

A new holder for coat, hat, and umbrella is equipped with a locking mechanism by which these articles,



Coat Hook That Locks Garments in Place

though out in the open, may be secured under lock and key. It is therefore particularly adapted to shops and offices as well as to barber shops, restaurants, and similar places. In using, the mechanism is first unlocked and opened, the arrangement being such that the key cannot be removed until the mechanism is again closed. The coat is placed on the hook projecting from the bottom, the umbrella in the hole in the horizontal bar that best suits its size, and the hat on the smaller bar projecting from the front. When the holder is closed, these articles are held securely and cannot be removed except by unlocking the mechanism with the key.

Tests of rubber-capped wood paving blocks in London showed no perceptible wear in a period in which all-wood blocks on the same street wore down from $\frac{1}{8}$ to $\frac{1}{4}$ inch.

WHITE-LEAD PAINT BANISHED BY LAW

9305 France has Forbidden Its Use and Other European Nations have Prescribed Drastic Rules for Painters

COMPREHENSIVE national laws prohibiting all working painters from using white lead or products containing it in any form, have recently become effective throughout France. This legislation, aimed at the commonest source of lead poisoning, is the most drastic step yet taken in the attempt to check the ravages of this industrial disease.

Plumbism, as this malady is known, is a subject which has commanded much scientific study and provoked almost continuous discussion in Europe during the last decade. Extensive inquiries into its causes and effects have resulted in the enactment of severe laws in Great Britain, Germany, and other countries. Although similar investigations have been made in the United States, Illinois alone has passed laws intended to lessen the dangers to which painters are subjected.

Lead poisoning is caused by the absorption of the mineral into the system through the respiratory organs, the alimentary canal, or the skin. Its victim may have been exposed to its dangers for only a few days, or for years. The disease manifests itself in many different ways. The victim may become blind, be seized with paralysis in the form of "wrist drop" or "ankle drop," lose his mind, develop heart trouble, or Bright's disease, or die in a few hours from a combination of disorders.

Carelessness, ignorance, and uncleanliness are listed as the causes of lead poisoning among painters. Such common practices as holding the paintbrush between the teeth, placing putty and white lead in the palms of the hands, eating before thoroughly washing the hands and removing the working clothes, using tobacco while working, and other similar customs, that bring the lead into contact with the skin or into the mouth are strictly forbidden by European laws. One of the most dangerous occupations, according to European investigations, is that

of sandpapering a lead-painted surface. Fine particles of lead dust are given off which the worker cannot avoid breathing. Another fruitful source of plumbism is in burning off old paint, while the dust given off by the clothes worn by painters is almost equally dangerous.

The new French law, which was enacted some five years ago but is only just now in full effect, rules that "the use of white lead, of linseed oil mixed with lead, and of all specialized products containing white lead is forbidden in all painting, no matter what its nature, carried out by working painters either on the outside or on the inside of buildings." As in England, Germany, Austria, Belgium, and the Netherlands, there are numerous laws which regulate the work in the various branches of the lead industry, requiring medical examination, prompt report of all cases of the disease, and stipulating even the kind of clothes worn by workers, what they must do before eating, and what provisions must be made at workshops for their personal cleanliness. Austria has prohibited the use of white lead for all interior work. The International Congress of Industrial Hygiene has considered the advisability of entirely prohibiting the use of it in all of the countries represented. A study of hospital reports in New York City has shown that out of 60 deaths resulting from lead poisoning in two years, 40 of the victims were painters. Out of 100 apparently able-bodied painters who were examined, 59 had chronic lead poisoning. Of 1,000 Chicago painters who answered questions asked by the Department of Labor, more than a third exhibited symptoms of plumbism.

All of the foregoing facts together with much additional information on the subject are contained in official reports of the U. S. Department of Labor, which has compiled the results of investigations in Europe and America.



German Soldiers Shooting at Floating Targets Painted to Represent Human Heads

GERMANS DRILLED IN EVERY 8815 *m* PHASE OF WARFARE

Long before the war, the German army had been thoroughly drilled in every phase of attack and defense that might occur in actual fighting. One of these drills was that of repelling an attack in which the enemy would be compelled to wade a canal or river. For this purpose targets painted to represent human heads and provided with military caps were set floating in the water to be shot at by the defenders. This drill is now of particular interest on account of the fighting over the lowlands of the Belgian coast.

¶ Six mine-rescue stations, eight rescue cars, and one rescue motor truck are maintained by the Bureau of Mines.

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FEEDING DEVICE PROVIDES 8967 *m* SHELTER FOR BIRDS

Bird lovers will be interested in a new homemade feeding device that has just been placed in service in an Ohio city. This device consists mainly of two pudding pans of enameled ware, one of which is 1 ft. and the other 1½ ft. in diameter. The smaller pan is placed right side up and in the center is mounted a spool support for the larger pan, which is inverted. A space of several inches for the passage of the



Made by Dr. R. D. Woodmansee, Columbus, Ohio

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Dr. R. A. Donovon, Columbus, Ohio

birds in and out is left between the rims of the pans. The food is placed in the lower pan and the upper pan serves as a shelter in wet or snowy weather. The whole device is mounted on a wooden base, to the bottom of which is fixed a piece of gas pipe used for attaching to a tree, roof, or other suitable support.

PURIFYING DRINKING WATER

8457H FOR U. S. SOLDIERS

In an endeavor to lessen the danger from drinking impure water, the War Department has inaugurated a new method of providing the soldiers with water. A 40-gal. hemp water bag, designed to be suspended from a tripod or the limb of a tree, and fitted at the bottom with a series of faucets, has been adopted. When this is filled, a small quantity of calcium hypochlorite is mixed with the water, which is then

allowed to stand for about 10 minutes. The chemical in that time will kill all injurious germs, rendering the water safe for drinking without making it unpalatable. Each bag holds enough water to fill 157 canteens, and every company is being provided with one.

Another step which has been taken for health preservation relates to dish washing. In the past, soldiers for the most part have washed their eating utensils in cold water, and usually at some stream. Three buckets of boiling water are now provided in which the various articles may be thoroughly sterilized. Two of the containers are filled with soapy water and the other with plain water, and all of them suspended over a fire. By dipping the dishes, first into the stronger soapsuds, then into the weaker suds, and finally into the clear water, they are cleaned and sterilized.

Electrical energy amounting to 772,587,040 kw.-hr., developed by Canadian water powers, is imported into the United States annually.

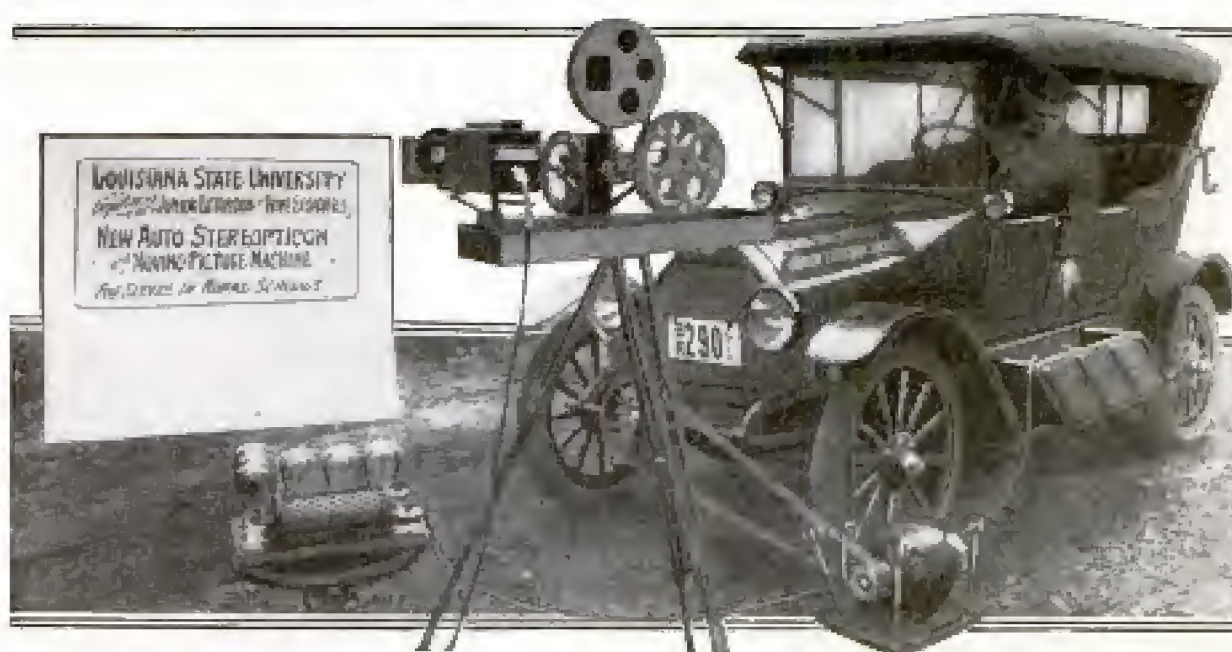


How United States Soldiers
Now Wash Dishes

Right: This Bag Holds 40
Gallons of Water Which
is Chemically Treated to
Destroy Possible Germs
Before It is Used



J. R. Schmidt, 3557 St. Charles Place, Hyde Park,
Cincinnati, Ohio



This Motor Car Which Carries a Portable Motion-Picture Apparatus is Used in the Rural Districts of Louisiana by the Extension Department of the State University for General Educational Purposes

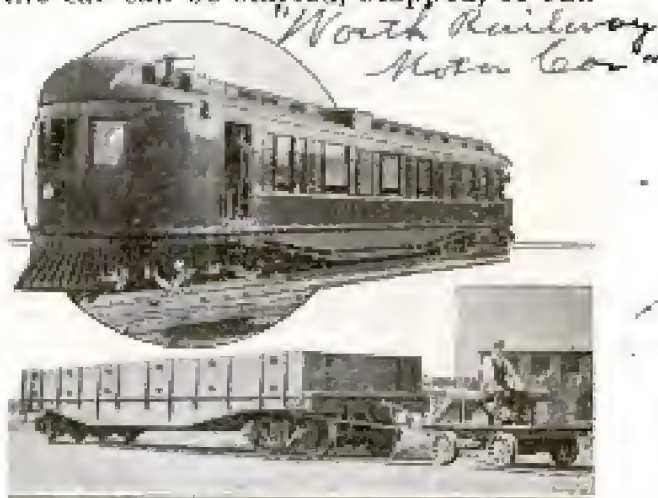
CARRYING MOTION PICTURES 9020 INTO RURAL DISTRICTS

Through the medium of the motor car, motion pictures of an educational nature are being shown through the rural districts of Louisiana. The project is promoted by the extension department of the state university in the interest of general and agricultural development. The machine carries a portable movie projector, and is taken by field lecturers into the out-of-the-way districts which for the most part are inaccessible by rail and therefore, partially at least, isolated from outside influences. Country schoolhouses, churches, and meeting places, which may even be located at some cross-roads, are visited by the party, the community gathered and the pictures shown. In this way people in some of the most unfrequented parts of the state are reached and benefited. The films, when the weather permits, are sometimes shown out of doors, and frequently to people who are attracted from miles around to see motion pictures for the first time. The motor car is equipped with an electric generating plant which is driven by the engine and furnishes a sufficient amount of current for the operation of the pro-

jector. When taken down for transportation the movie equipment is packed in two compact cases carried on one running board and at the rear of the car.

GASOLINE INTERURBAN CAR 8802 WITH FRICTION DRIVE

A new application of the friction drive forms the special feature of an interurban car recently brought out. The engine runs at a constant speed, being controlled by a governor, while the car can be started, stopped, or run



New Interurban Car Driven by Gasoline Motors with Friction Transmission. The Original Model Used in Developing the System of Transmission Was About the Size of a Handcar, and Was Capable of Hauling a Steel Coal Car without Difficulty

O. C. Ballard, Marion, Ind.
 Railway Motor Car Co.
 Marion, Ind.

at any speed forward or reverse by the use of a speed valve and reverse valve. An additional important feature is that the power is applied to each of the wheels independently. A shaft driven by the engine runs lengthwise of the car. Mounted on this shaft are eight disks arranged in pairs, one pair being provided for each pair of traction wheels, while working between each pair of disks are two friction wheels through which the power is transmitted to the traction wheels. The friction wheels are mounted on separate axles, on opposite sides of the disk centers, and are arranged to slide on their axles. They are so connected by a system of levers that they can be made to slide simultaneously toward the center line of the disks, or toward the outer edges, as may be required, and in this way variations in speed are obtained. The friction wheels have a play of about $\frac{1}{8}$ in. between the

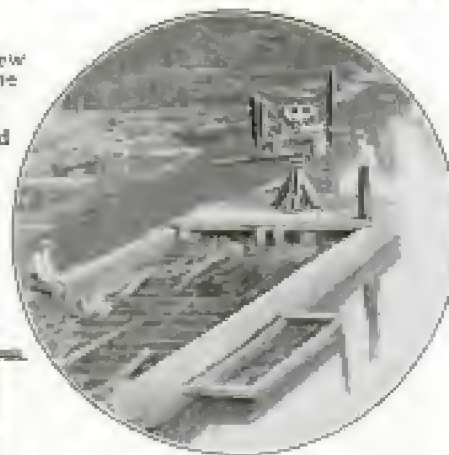
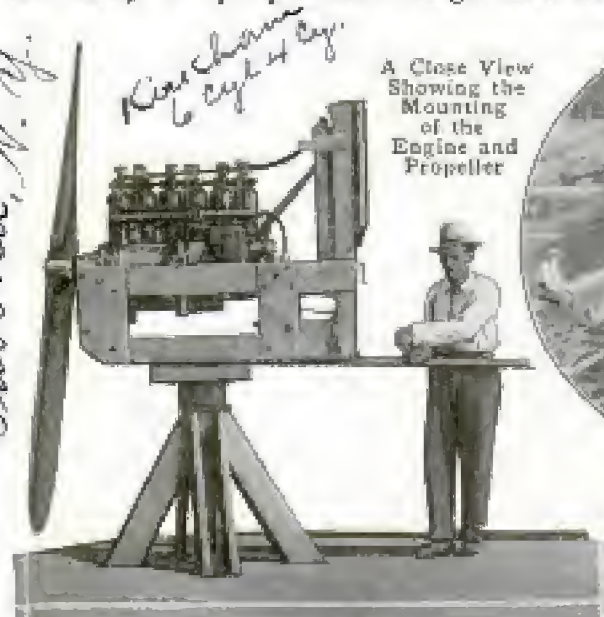
disks, and are mounted on a pivoted frame, so that when one wheel bears against one disk, the other wheel bears against the opposite disk. With this arrangement, all that is necessary for reversing the car is to reverse the bearing of the friction wheels against the disks. In the intermediate position, when the friction wheels do not bear against either disk, no motion is imparted to the car. These movements are all controlled by the action of two air valves located in the operator's compartment. The axles of the friction wheels are journaled in such a way that they allow the slight movement required for these adjustments. The car is equipped with two 6-cyl. 150-hp. motors, which may be used independently or as a combined power plant. Each traction wheel runs on roller bearings on a dead axle, and is driven from the axle of the corresponding friction wheel.

BARGE RUN AND STEERED BY AN AERIAL PROPELLER

8488
The owner of a barge operating on one of the small rivers of Missouri has worked out a scheme that enables him not only to propel the barge but to

56' x 14' beam
bow of the barge so that the power may be applied in any direction by the simple expedient of turning the shaft. This feature is said to have proved

particularly valuable in getting the barge off sand bars and snags, and in making short turns. A minor feature of considerable importance in hot weather is that the propeller can be used, at reduced speed, as a fan for the workmen loading or unloading the barge.



This Barge is Propelled and Steered by an Aerial Propeller, Which can be Swung Horizontally to Apply the Power in Any Direction

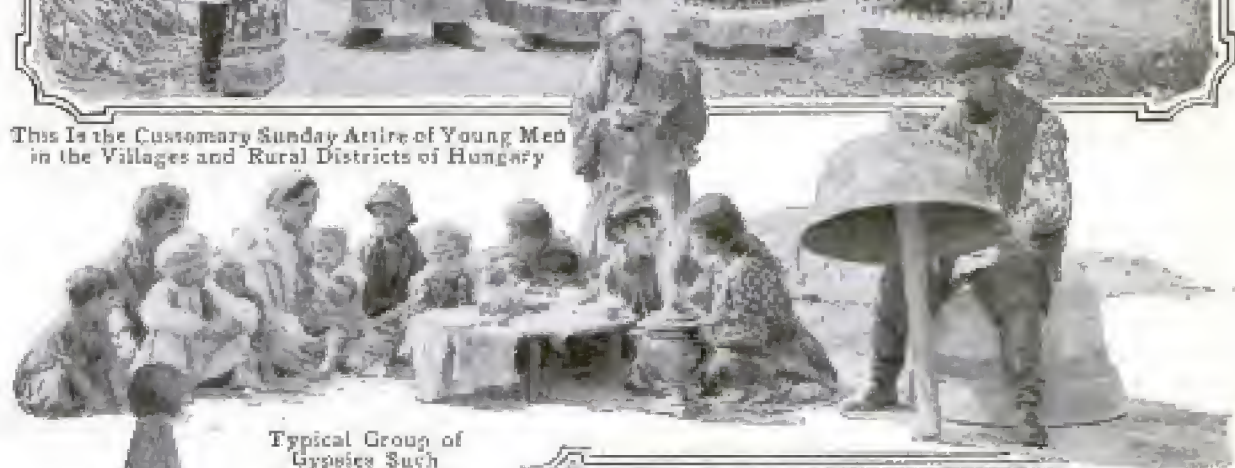
steer it with an aerial propeller and without the aid of a rudder. This is accomplished by mounting the engine and propeller on a vertical shaft at the

The propeller is 9 ft. in diameter with a pitch of 3 ft., and is capable of pulling the loaded barge at the rate of about 15 miles an hour.

J. S. Smith, 1013 L-2 Oakland Ave. Milwaukee, Wis.
Owner: Victor Groves, Callao, Mo.



This Is the Customary Sunday Attire of Young Men in the Villages and Rural Districts of Hungary



Typical Group of Gypsies Such as may be Seen Almost Anywhere in Hungary: These Roaming Bands Go from Place to Place through the Country Mending Pots and Pans, and Doing Other Work of Similar Nature



Hungarian Cowboys on the Plains before One of the Grass Shelters Where Their Meals are Cooked and Usually Eaten. They Wear Baggy Trousers Which Bear Almost the Appearance of being Skirts

Old Pillory at Postven to Which Thieves were Once Locked on Sundays



Father and Son Wearing the Wide, Baggy Trousers Characteristic of the Peasant Dress

H. E. Zimmerman
Mt. Morris, Ill.

A UNIQUE AND TRUTHFUL

859/m SALOON SIGN



These Frank Words, "The Road to Ruin," Form a Part of a Sign Painted across the Front of a Saloon in Corona, New Mexico

MODEL SLAUGHTER HOUSE AT

9228/m SAN FRANCISCO FAIR

A model slaughter house, built on a scale of 1 to 10 and planned by the best specialists available with special reference to sanitary and economic features, is to be one of the exhibits of the United States Department of Agriculture at the Panama-Pacific Exposition. The estimated cost of the full-sized slaughter house is \$22,500, if built of wood, and \$33,500, if built of concrete as is the model. One of the

principal features of the exhibit will be a demonstration of methods of profitably utilizing the blood, bones, and hides in the manufacture of by-products.

IRRIGATION MADE POSSIBLE
BY UTILIZING MOTOR CAR

8248 An Iowa truck farmer who recognized the necessity of finding some method for irrigating his land, solved the problem of obtaining water by harnessing his motor car and utilizing its power for pumping purposes. A large pump was operated by the engine and water drawn from an artesian well. By using wooden troughs, the flow was directed wherever irrigation was needed, the water spreading over a large area as it was poured between the rows of vegetables. In this manner it was possible for the man to keep his gardens in good condition at small expense during the dry part of the season. Warren D. Schreurs

Highland Park, Ill.
Ill.



Irrigating a Celery Field by Pumping Water from the Ground with a Motor Car

Information Sheet
sent out by Dept. of Agriculture



Hanging Bridge over the Fuji Kawa in Japan

A HANGING FOOTBRIDGE

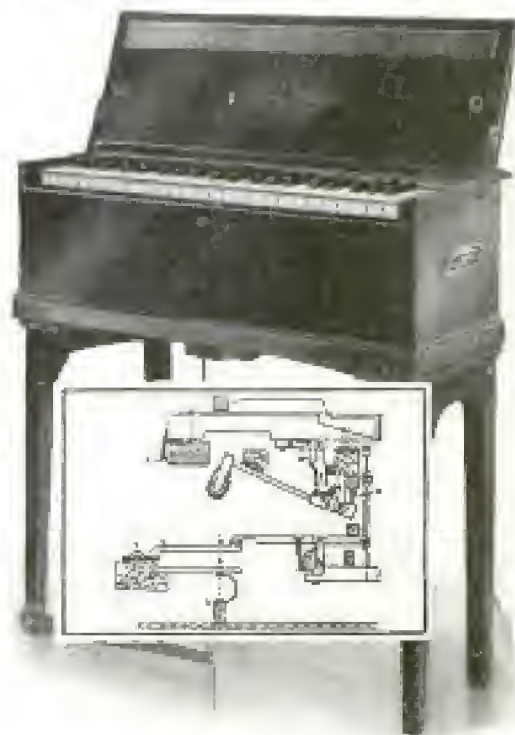
9791 *m* IN JAPAN

A primitive type of bridge found in some sections of Japan is the hanging footbridge, of which there are many similar to the one shown in the illustration. This bridge is made entirely of wood and rope, and consists of two spans of equal length, one of which spans the mountain gorge and the other the rocky approach at one side.

TUNING FORKS SUBSTITUTED FOR PIANO STRINGS

8309 *m* A type of musical instrument that is fast gaining in popularity, especially where the feature of portability is important, is the dulcitone, an instrument which is played like a piano, but in which the tones are produced by a series of tuned steel forks which are struck by hammers operated by the keys. With these tuned forks substituted for the usual strings, it is claimed that the instrument never needs tuning, and that it will stand a great deal of moving about without getting out of order. The mechanism is much simpler than that of a piano. The steel forks are U-shaped and are held edge-wise with the prongs projecting toward

the front of the instrument. When a key is struck, the damper, which normally rests on the fork, is lifted and the key strikes the upper prong, and with the release of the key the damper comes back into position. Through a semi-



In Appearance, This Instrument Is Like a Miniature Piano. The Diagram Shows the Simple Mechanism for Striking the Steel Fork and for Damping the Tone

circular steel spring attached to the lower prong, the tone is transmitted to

Thomas MacCall + Sons
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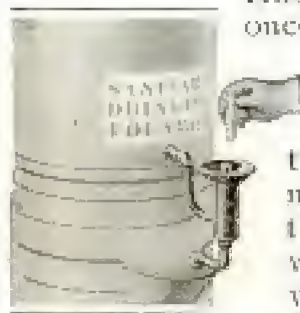


Every Part of This Open-Air Tea Room, Including the Table, is Made of Concrete

the sounding board. The whole series of forks may be controlled by a pedal which is used for the same purpose as a piano pedal. The dulcitone is said to be especially suited to tropical countries, where piano strings at high tension are subject to rapid deterioration.

m 8800 **PARAFFIN-PAPER TUBE FOR DRINKING FOUNTAIN**

A new paraffin-paper drinking cup, made to be used with a drinking fountain of any type, is designed not only for sanitary purposes but as a means of preventing water waste as well. It is inserted in an opening of the fountain, as shown, and each tube is intended to be used only



once and to be handled only by the person using it.

Operated by the tube is a simple mechanism attached to the fountain which turns on the water under the slight pressure re-

quired for getting a drink, and then turns it off as soon as this pressure is removed. The plan is to keep the tubes in a closed receptacle, from which they are released singly by a push button.

J. M. Stewart, Mayville, N. Dak.
Invented by J. M. Engberg,
Mayville, N. Dak.

m 8990 **AN OPEN-AIR TEA ROOM IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

Owing to the mildness of the climate, open-air tea rooms are becoming an established institution in southern California, and some of these are now being built of concrete. One of the latest of these tea rooms, shown in the illustration, is a three-sided inclosure with walls about 3½ ft. in height, and a seat running around the three sides. The walls, floor, seat, and table located at the center are all made of concrete. Each wall is 4 in. thick, and is surmounted by a cap, 2 in. thick and 10 in. wide.

m 9219 **HOW SOUP IS SERVED HOT IN RUSSIAN TRENCHES**

Portable soup kettles that are in effect enormous vacuum bottles are one of the interesting features in the commissary equipment of the Russian army. After the soup has been prepared at a field kitchen in the rear of the army it is put into these kettles, transported to the front and served hot to the men in the trenches, the kettles being so thoroughly insulated against the escape of the heat that the soup will keep hot for hours. Each kettle holds rations sufficient for about 1,500 men.

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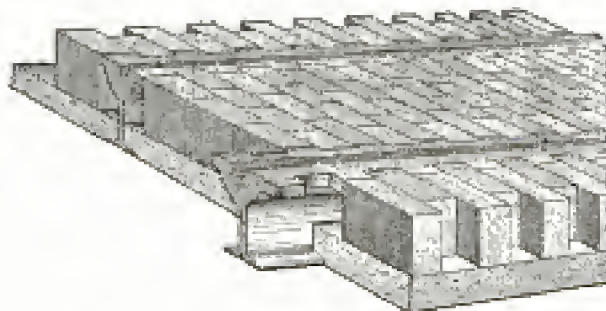
NEW SKYLIGHT GLASS DOES

9218m AWAY WITH DRIP

The problem of eliminating the drip that forms on skylights from the condensation of the moisture in the air has apparently been solved in a new type of glass that has just been placed on the market. In this glass the under surface is formed in webs or channels running with the pitch of the roof and so shaped as to give the greatest degree of capillary attraction. The result is that all condensation is held and is gradually conducted to a gutter at the lower edge of the glass sheet. This glass is said to be effective in preventing drip on a pitch as low as 10 degrees.

7162 FRENCH GROOVED RAIL PRESERVES PAVEMENTS

7162 H Serious injury to pavements along street-car lines, where heavy teaming works much damage to the roadway in the immediate vicinity of the tracks, is minimized by a grooved rail in experimental use at Paris. Instead of being of the ordinary type of construction, the rail is made with wings which form recesses interlocking with the paving material. These are so arranged as to receive bricks, creosoted wood blocks, or asphalt, and form an even surface. In all the large cities of the United States preservation of pavement along street railways has been a problem. To a greater or less



An Interlocking Rail Which Reduces Damage to Pavement

degree the same trouble has been encountered with both grooved and T-rails, and so far has not been remedied successfully.

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INGENIOUS MOUNTING FOR

7176m CASTER WHEEL

An ingenious mounting for the wheel is embodied in a furniture caster recently invented. The caster holder re-



This Caster Wheel Slides to One Side While being Moved, But Takes the Central Position When at Rest

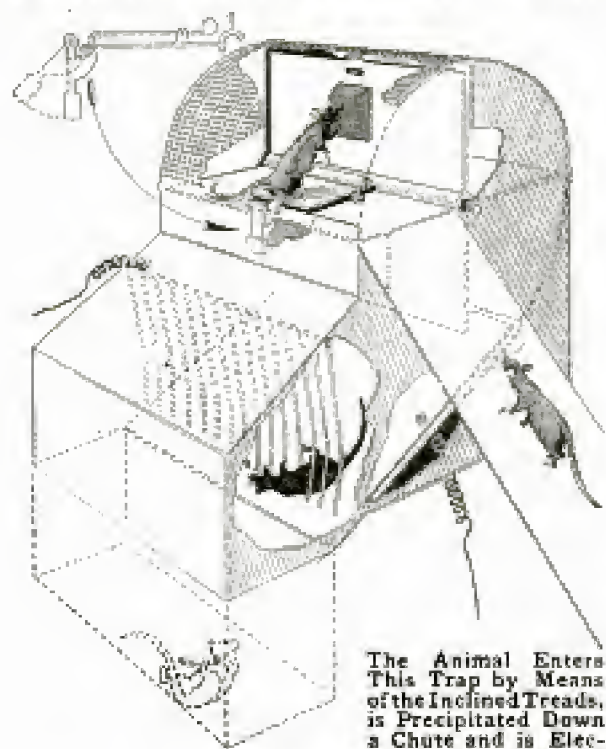
volves on a pin inserted in the furniture leg in the usual manner, while each end of the axle of the wheel works in flat inverted-V-shaped slots in the sides of the holder, so that the wheel slides from one side to the other when the furniture is being moved and trails readily without requiring the holder to reverse. When the furniture is at rest, the axle takes its place at the middle or high part of the slot, and the caster wheel is therefore central under the furniture leg.

ANIMAL TRAP THAT APPLIES
7375m ELECTROCUTION

An animal trap that has just been invented and patented is designed first to catch the animal, then to electrocute it, and finally to drop it into a barrel or other receptacle. At the top of this trap is a sort of vestibule with the front half of each end open, and into the front side of this vestibule the rat or other animal enters by means of

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one or two inclined treads, or runways. Arranged radially around a longitudinal axle within the vestibule and spaced at intervals of 90° are four plat-



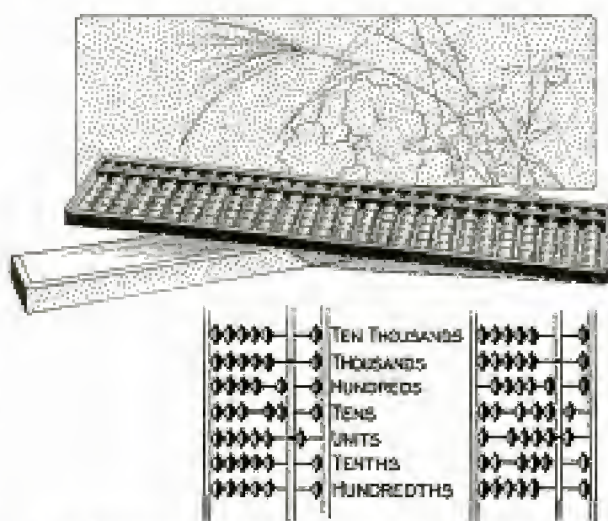
The Animal Enters This Trap by Means of the Inclined Treads, is Precipitated Down a Chute and is Electrocuted by Charged Wires Hanging across the Opening

forms. At each quarter turn of the axle one of these platforms comes into position as the floor of the vestibule and is held in that position by a latch. In order to reach for the bait, which it never gets, the animal must step on a flat plate that trips the latch. The weight of the animal causes the axle to make a quarter turn, the animal is precipitated down a chute, and the following plate comes into position and latches. Near the mouth of the chute is a row of electrically charged wires which hang to within an inch or two of the bottom of the chute, which at this point consists of an electrically grounded false bottom. As the animal slides down the chute it comes in contact with these wires and the full electric charge passes through its body to the false bottom. A barrel placed under the mouth of the chute receives the bodies of the rodents.

Tests of coal from the Matanuska fields in Alaska prove it to be of better quality than that of the Bering fields.

CALCULATING DEVICE USED BY THE JAPANESE

The Japanese seldom use a pencil and pad in making calculations of any kind, but employ instead a calculating device which they call the "soroban," and which they have developed and perfected from the "abacus" in use among the Chinese. In the hands of an expert, the soroban can be used for making almost any kind of commercial calculation, while the operations of addition and subtraction can be performed readily by a novice with only slight instruction. The soroban consists of a shallow box in which is a series of transverse crosspieces, each of which carries six beads or counters. Five of the counters carried on each crosspiece are at the left of a longitudinal partition and represent units, while the remaining counter is at the right of the partition and represents five units, the term unit being used in this connection to mean any multiple or fraction of one when 10 is used as a factor. For example, any row of counters may be chosen to represent ones. The next row above will then represent tens, the next row hundreds, and so on, while the decimal fractions will be in the successive rows below.



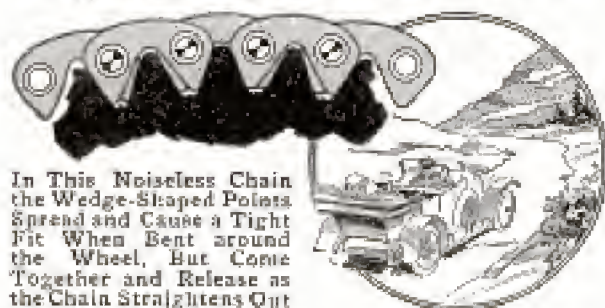
The Soroban, a Device Universally Used by the Japanese in Making Commercial Calculations

Any figure is represented simply by sliding the proper counters against the partition, the use of the five-unit

counter making this a quick and convenient operation. When the second number is to be added, the counters that represent this number are then moved, and the sum is read at a glance. The process may be continued indefinitely. Carrying to the next higher denomination is a matter of the simplest mental calculation, and soon comes to be a mechanical process.

7185m NOISELESS CHAIN USES WEDGE PRINCIPLE

A new noiseless chain for the transmission of power works over a wheel having V-shaped openings into which points on the chain fit closely and in such a way as to prevent rattling. The links of the chain are made with a wedge-shaped point at each end, and



In This Noiseless Chain the Wedge-Shaped Points Spread and Cause a Tight Fit When Bent around the Wheel, But Come Together and Release as the Chain Straightens Out

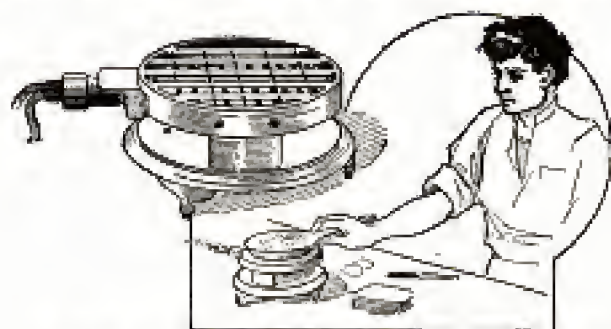
the points at adjacent ends of two links fit over each other, as shown, when the links are pivoted together. When the chain is bent around the wheel the tips of the points pass beyond each other and make a tight fit in the opening on the wheel, but when the chain straightens out as it leaves the wheel these points come together, and the links release easily and noiselessly.

7357m NEW TYPE OF PORTABLE ELECTRIC STOVE

A portable electric stove that has just appeared on the market has a space between the base and the electric coils which may be used for toasting at the same time that the grating above the coils is being used for other cooking operations. This stove is light and compact and is intended to be set on a table, the grating being just large

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enough to take a flat-bottomed cooking utensil 6 in. in diameter. The coils are insulated from the frame of the

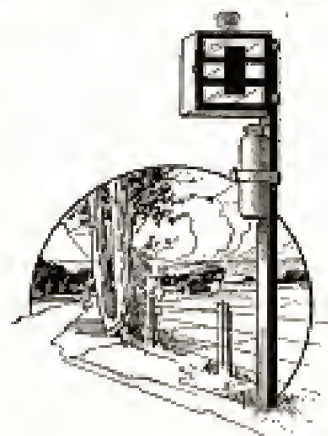


This Electric Stove Has a Clear Space beneath Coils That may be Used for Toasting While Grating is being Used for Other Cooking Operations

stove by mica rings and glass beads, while the electric terminals to which the cords are attached are protected by a steel plate that prevents damage to the connections from spilled liquids.

4 ROAD LIGHTS IN GERMANY 7622 BURN FOR MONTH

Roadside beacons at crossings and dangerous places along country turnpikes are being provided motorists in Germany and certain parts of England. Electric feed lines in rural districts are the exception, and not the rule, so development of a system of illumination which does not require daily attention has

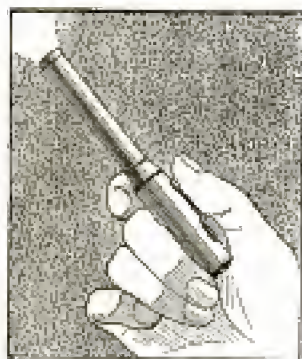


had to be along other lines. The solution of the problem was found in a dissolved-acetylene outfit capable of burning for nearly a month without needing adjustment. The signposts are provided with automatic flashing devices which attract the attention of approaching motorists. Directions and distances to near-by cities also are shown by the posts.

Compressed peat is used as a sound-insulating material in Berlin.

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NOVEL AND PRACTICAL THINGS FOR DAILY USE



Fountain-Pen Flash
Light

carried in a vest pocket as conveniently as a pen or pencil. So far as external appearance is concerned it consists of a barrel, cap, and clip. In the end of

MADE compactly in the form of a fountain pen, a miniature electric flash light has been devised which may be carried in a vest pocket as conveniently as a pen or pencil. So far as external appearance is concerned it consists of a barrel, cap, and clip. In the end of the tube there is a small electric bulb, and in the cap, a battery. The clip serves the double purpose of holding the device in a pocket and acting as the contact point.

Advantages of both gas and coal ranges are embodied in a combination two-fuel kitchen stove which has been introduced. When used for coal, its internal appearance practically corresponds with that of many ordinary stoves, but by sliding a bolt and turning a crank, the front lining is dropped and the gas burners raised into a normal position. By then pressing down

sand may be released and the cover washed so that it will be clean and presentable when next used. It has pink glass eyes, long ears, and a fur tail.



Convenient Cuff Buttons
for Shirt

Cuff buttons which allow a shirt sleeve to be held in any position on the forearm, thus making it unnecessary to turn the cuffs back, are being introduced. Instead of being made in the form of ordinary links, the

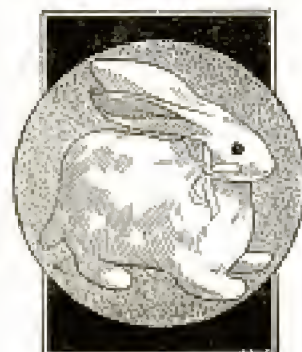
buttons are fitted to the extended arms of a coil spring to which a small clamp is attached. They are inserted in the buttonholes in the regular manner, and the extended part is fastened to the sleeve by means of the clamp. The flexibility of the links allows the sleeves to be pulled up as far as desired, while



Suited for Coal and
Gas Stoves

the spring effect holds them in place.

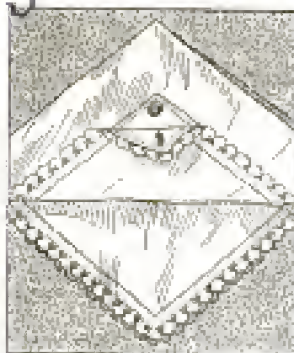
A woman's handkerchief which is provided with a small pocket in one corner, suitable for carrying street-car tickets or several silver coins, is fastened by a washable cloth-covered button. It is made of white hemstitched linen, daintily em-



Sand-Filled Cloth
Rabbit

on a valve stem, the stove is ready to be used as a gas range.

Quite a lifelike cloth rabbit, which is intended for children playing on a beach, is made so that it may be filled with sand and its sides rounded out plumply. When playtime is over, the



Handkerchief with Coin
Purse



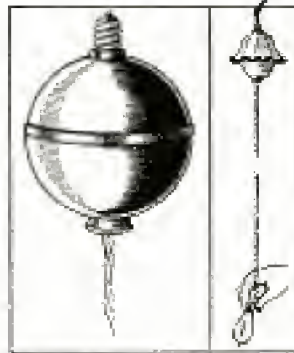
Guide for Trimming
Child's Hair

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broidered, and may be used conveniently when it is not desired to carry a purse.

To make it possible for children's hair to be cut at home by their parents, or nurses, instead of by a barber and at the same time have the work done neatly, a trimming gauge has been devised. This fits about the head and provides a guide which may be followed in cutting bangs or boxing the hair.

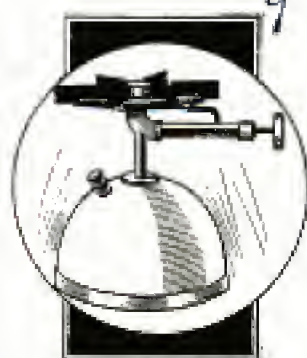
Intended to fill various functions in either home or office, an adjustable electric-light fixture has been invented which enables a lamp to be carried to almost any point in a room. Its principal feature is a ball reel which allows the wire to be extended as needed and then wound up automatically, so that it is entirely out of sight when not in use. A small bracket is provided which enables the bulb to be clamped to a mirror, the



Adjustable Electric-Light Fixture



Shelves Suspended from Picture Molding



Portable Gasoline Stove

head of a bed, the back of a chair, or in almost any position.

Wall shelves which may be used in a room without disfiguring the paper or plaster with screw or nail holes have been invented. Brackets are placed on parallel, perpendicular rods, at the upper ends of which are

metal hooks that fit over a picture molding.

Fitted with a standard - sized burner, a small, portable gasoline stove is being made which is suited for several uses in the home, and also serves conveniently when carried on a camping or motor trip. It holds a quart of gasoline under pressure, and gives about the same amount of heat as a single burner on many larger stoves. It weighs $3\frac{1}{2}$ pounds.

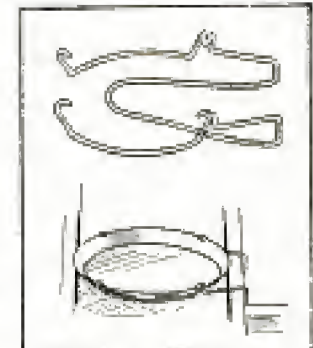
A pencil and fountain-pen clip has been devised which, in a transparent celluloid pocket on its front side, carries a miniature calendar. This consists of a number of small, but legible, leaves, each representing a certain month of the year.

For the purpose of securely holding a child's plate on the tray of a high chair, so that it cannot be accidentally tipped and its contents spilled, a wire clamp has been invented. This is provided with four fingers which grip the rim of a dish firmly.

A soap-scraping device which may be attached to a wash boiler, or other receptacle, is made with a concave surface and supplied with three rectangular holes set diagonally. When a bar of soap is rubbed over the apertures it is cut into thin shavings.



Calendar Clip for Fountain Pen



Clamp Holds Plate on High Chair



Device for Slicing Soap

USE MADE OF FLASH LIGHTS BY VISITING DOCTORS

Among the varied purposes to which electric flash lights are being put is the somewhat novel use that is made of



How a Physician Makes Valuable Use of a Pocket Flash Light in Examining a Patient's Throat

them by many visiting physicians. It is becoming a more or less common thing for a doctor to carry one of these small hand lamps in his medicine case, the reason being that such an instrument is of material value when it is necessary to examine the throat or mouth of a patient. In his office the physician is usually equipped with suitable lighting apparatus for work of this nature, but in the average residence it is frequently difficult to make such a diagnosis quickly on account of poor lighting. With a flash light in his case, this trouble is completely eliminated.

SUBTERRANEAN CABLES USED BY GERMAN SPIES

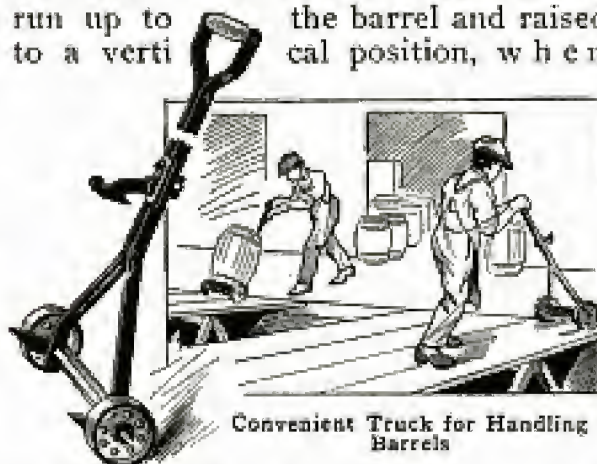
Accurate information concerning the Russian positions and strength continually leaking through to the kaiser's forces from some point near Insterburg, some 40 miles from Koenigsberg, East Prussia, proved puzzling to the Russian commanders. Since neither overhead telephone nor telegraph wires were, at that time, available in this locality, it was concluded that

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secret agents of the German war office were using subterranean cables which had been laid before the opening of hostilities in this district, if not before the outbreak of the war. To support this theory and at the same time illustrate the remarkable organization and scope of Germany's system of espionage, private cables of this kind have been found by the allies on several occasions. A few weeks ago the disclosure was made that an instructor in a school at Marggrabowa was in reality a German spy who by means of a concealed telephone was furnishing information to the Germans. The telephone instrument was hidden in a hatbox in a wardrobe and was connected to an underground cable which extended to a point where German soldiers were stationed. When this discovery was made, false information was telephoned to the troops, the teacher was arrested, and the wires were cut.

ADJUSTABLE BARREL TRUCK 6950 W SAVES HANDLING

A strong, compact truck for moving barrels and kegs up to 600 lb. in weight has been marketed recently. Formed of steel bars, the truck is equipped with a sliding hook on the handle, which fits over the top rim of the barrel, and may be adjusted to any height made necessary by the size of the barrel to be moved. The truck is run up to the barrel and raised to a vertical position, when



Convenient Truck for Handling Barrels

the hook engages the rim, and two steel prongs at the bottom of the frame lift the barrel and support it.

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WATCH CRYSTALS TO BE
MADE IN AMERICA
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On account of the deficiency resulting from the war in Europe, where practically all watch crystals have heretofore been made, one of the leading optical companies in this country has gone into the business on an extensive scale and will attempt to supply the American trade with watch crystals. This is said to be the first time in the history of this branch of the optical trade that an American company has been able to compete on a large scale with the European manufacturers. One of the features about these American-made crystals is that they will be produced to absolute standards of measurement, a goal that has not yet been reached by the foreign manufacturers.

NEW SPUR GUARD PROTECTS
TROUSERS FROM MUD
7023 W

Mudguards in the form of spurs to be fastened to the heel of the shoe is a Parisian novelty. A thin metal shield,



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having a prong on the inside curve, is inserted in the heel or between the heel and the upper leather of the shoe. A band or leather strap drawn through eyelets in the

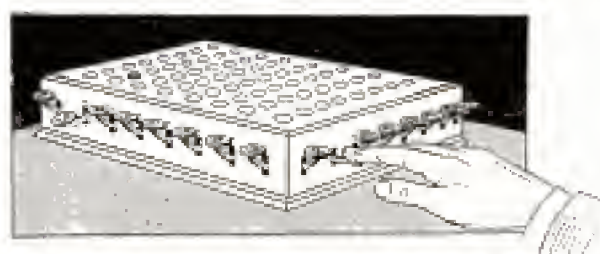
ends of the metal shield passes over the instep and holds the device in place. This contrivance is designed to prevent mud from splattering or coming in contact with the lower edge of the trouser leg in walking on muddy streets.

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DEVICE AIDS IN LEARNING
MULTIPLICATION TABLE

An ingenious apparatus has been developed by a French teacher for helping young students in learning the multiplication table. The mechanism is inclosed in a flat box and is operated

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by two series of levers, a series of eight being placed along each of two adjacent sides of the box. The top of

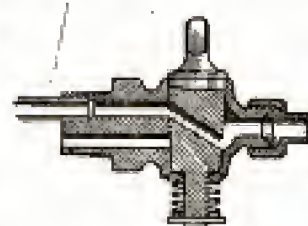


Automatic Multiplier Designed to Help Students in Learning the Multiplication Table

the box has 64 perforations, each of which is located at the intersection of a lever of one series with that of the other series. The levers of each series are numbered from 2 to 9, the 1 being omitted as superfluous. When a multiplication is to be made, the lever corresponding to one of the numbers is pressed. Then when the lever in the other series corresponding to the other number is pressed, the product appears in the perforation at the intersection of the levers. In the illustration the product of 3 times 3 is shown.

EMERGENCY TANK COCK FOR
MOTORBOATS
7003 W

A device designed to reserve a certain amount of gasoline for use after the supply tank is almost exhausted offers to motorboat owners and operators an assurance against being left far from a source of supply when cruising. The



cock communicating with the gasoline supply has two openings, only one of which can be used at one time. When the gasoline gets as low as the top pipe from the tank, no more gasoline is fed to the engine, which of course stops. A turn of the handle brings the outlet in the cock opposite the lower pipe, and the reserve gasoline in the tank is drawn upon. This warning gives the motorboat engineer ample opportunity to make a direct run for another supply of fuel. *Motor Boat 1/10/14*

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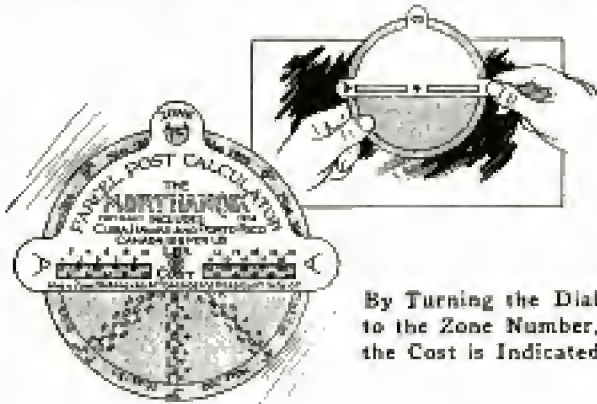
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DIAL POINTS OUT PARCEL-

7270 POST RATES

For the convenience of parcel-post users, a rate calculator which shows instantly the cost of sending almost



By Turning the Dial to the Zone Number, the Cost is Indicated

any package anywhere in the United States, its holdings, or Canada, has been made. The scale is shown on a dial which carries the charge in relation to pounds for each zone. By turn-

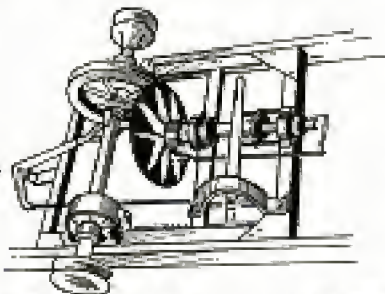
ing the indicator to the proper zone number, the rate on the package desired to be shipped may be read.

9062 PELTON WHEEL BUILT FOR MILE FALL OF WATER

A Pelton wheel able to withstand the terrific pressure of a 5,412-ft. fall of water has been constructed for the new hydroelectric power plant, previously described in this magazine, which is being built near Martigny, Switzerland. It has a diameter of 11½ ft., and at 500 revolutions a minute will be capable of developing approximately 3,000 hp., with a jet of only 1½-in. diameter. In constructing the pipe lines to carry the water, it was necessary to give the lower portions of them sufficient strength to resist a pressure of 2,425 lb. to the square inch, which gives some idea of the great head pressure under which this horizontal-shaft wheel must operate.

FRICION TRANSMISSION IS POPULAR IN CYCLECARS

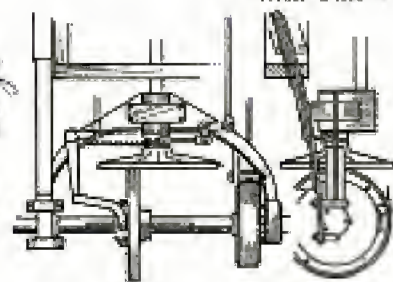
Application of friction-drive transmission to many of the recently introduced cyclecars has been made on account of the simplicity of its principle. Use of such a transmission system does away with the difficulties



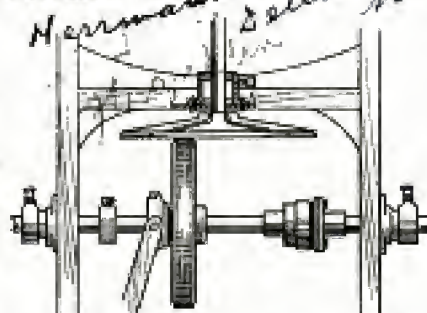
A True Rolling Surface on Fourth Speed and an Automatic Spring Tension at All Speeds are Given with This Transmission Unit

attending the use of spur gears, planetary gear sets and clutches, and because of this, it has been deemed by several manufacturers as the ideal system for the small car. The main reason for this came in the realization that the average cyclecar owner would do his own repair work, making a simple form of construction necessary. Several friction-transmission sets suitable for use on almost any cyclecar have been brought out by different factories. Most of these follow the same general plan but bear their own characteristics.

In one of the sets a true rolling surface is given on the fourth speed, with automatic spring tension at different speeds. Another set with its differential on the jackshaft is intended for chain-drive cars, while a third is designed to be fitted to the rear axle of a machine.



This Rear-Axle Transmission Set Is One of the Simplest Forms of Friction Drive That has been Applied to Cyclecars



The Collar on the Shaft at the Left of the Driven Wheel Prevents It from Sliding Past the Disk

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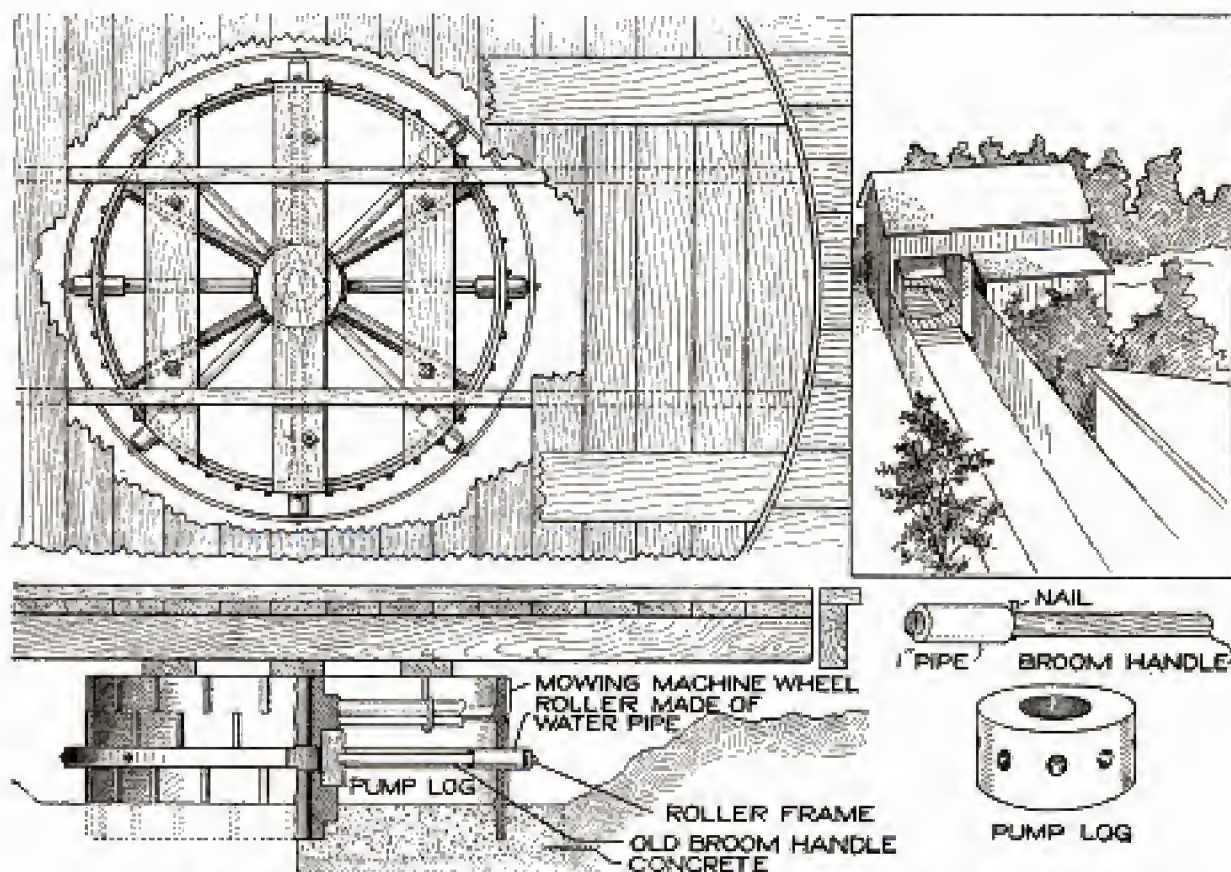
A Homemade Automobile Turntable

By FRANK G. SWARTZ

THE location of a home garage made it necessary to back the automobile about 200 ft. either in entering or going out, and for this reason it was desirable to construct some kind of an inexpensive turntable in the garage floor. The floor being made of boards, a circle was drawn upon them having a diameter equal to the length of the automobile, and a little more for convenience. The boards were numbered, cut, and laid aside, and the earth was removed from the center; then an old mowing-machine wheel with an un-

broken rim was bedded in concrete so that the center of the hub was in the center of the circle cut out of the floor. The concrete was built up halfway on the spokes and rim.

A piece of wood pump log was procured, and eight holes bored in it in the manner of constructing a hub for a wheel, and eight spokes were cut from discarded broom handles and inserted in the holes. The lengths of the spokes should be such that the periphery of the ends extend over the rim of the mowing-machine wheel 1 in. or more.



Two Old Mowing-Machine Wheels with a Center Wheel Carrying Rollers Make the Turning Part of the Table, on Which a Floor is Laid Level with the Garage Floor

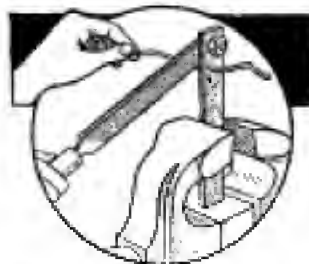
These ends were evened up to fit in a band made of an old buggy tire. A roller was made for the end of each spoke by cutting a piece of 1-in. pipe 4 in. long, all rollers being held in position with pins run through holes in the spokes at their inner ends and in the rim at the outer ends of the spokes.

This wheellike arrangement was placed on the mowing-machine wheel set in the concrete so that the rollers rested on the rim. Another mowing-machine wheel was set on top of the built-up wheel, and the three were kept in line by a shaft run through the hubs.

On the upper surface of the top wheel, two timbers, about 7 ft. long, 4 in. wide, and 2 in. thick, were secured with bolts having a hook on the head end to engage the spokes near the rim. A center timber of the same size, and as long as the diameter of the circle cut in the floor, was secured to the center of the upper wheel in the same manner. On these timbers joists were placed, and the floor boards securely nailed to them. About $\frac{3}{4}$ in. of the boards were sawed off all the way around, to make a clearance. Two boards, 12 in. wide, were laid crossways on top of the flooring to take the tread of the automobile. A support was placed under the edge of the turntable where the automobile is driven on, but low enough so that when the machine is standing on the platform the weight will rest entirely on the rollers.

Wire Cutter Made of Old Files

A simple and powerful wire cutter can be made of two old flat files. The



ends should be annealed and drilled for a bolt. In one piece, near the bolt hole, to produce a large leverage, must be drilled a hole to fit the

wire to be cut. If several sizes of wire are to be cut, holes of corresponding diameters must be provided, the largest one nearest the bolt hole, in order to

obtain the best leverage in cutting them. The narrow edges of the cutting file should be ground sharp, and when one becomes dull, the file can be turned over and the other side used.—Contributed by D. C. Goff, Knoxville, Tennessee.

Replacing Parts Properly in Assembling an Engine

When reassembling the engine of an automobile after an overhauling, extreme care should be taken to replace the various valves, valve springs, spring washers, tappets, etc., with their respective cylinders. A good plan is to number each set by means of steel figure punches, and in this manner the engine can be reassembled properly.

Cement-Floor Covering to Prevent Dust

If it is desired to make a concrete floor in a factory or mill that will not sand off or make dust, a coating for the purpose can be prepared when making the floor. This coating consists of one part cement to two parts crushed rock or hard gravel, which will pass through a $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. sieve, and from which the fine dust has been removed. This is thoroughly mixed in a mixing box, or by a machine mixer, with a sufficient amount of water to produce a plastic but not sloppy consistence, and spread on the under concrete before either the finish or the under concrete has had time to set. It is floated with a wood float to a true level, and then slightly troweled with a steel trowel, to bring it to a proper level and to smooth the top slightly. This will give a finish which is pebbly, and not dead smooth or slick like a sand finish. After the finish has been troweled and has set sufficiently so that the covering will not mar the surface, it should be covered with sawdust, sand, cloths, or any other material which will hold water continuously. The finish should be kept soaking wet for at least a week, or, better, for 10 days.

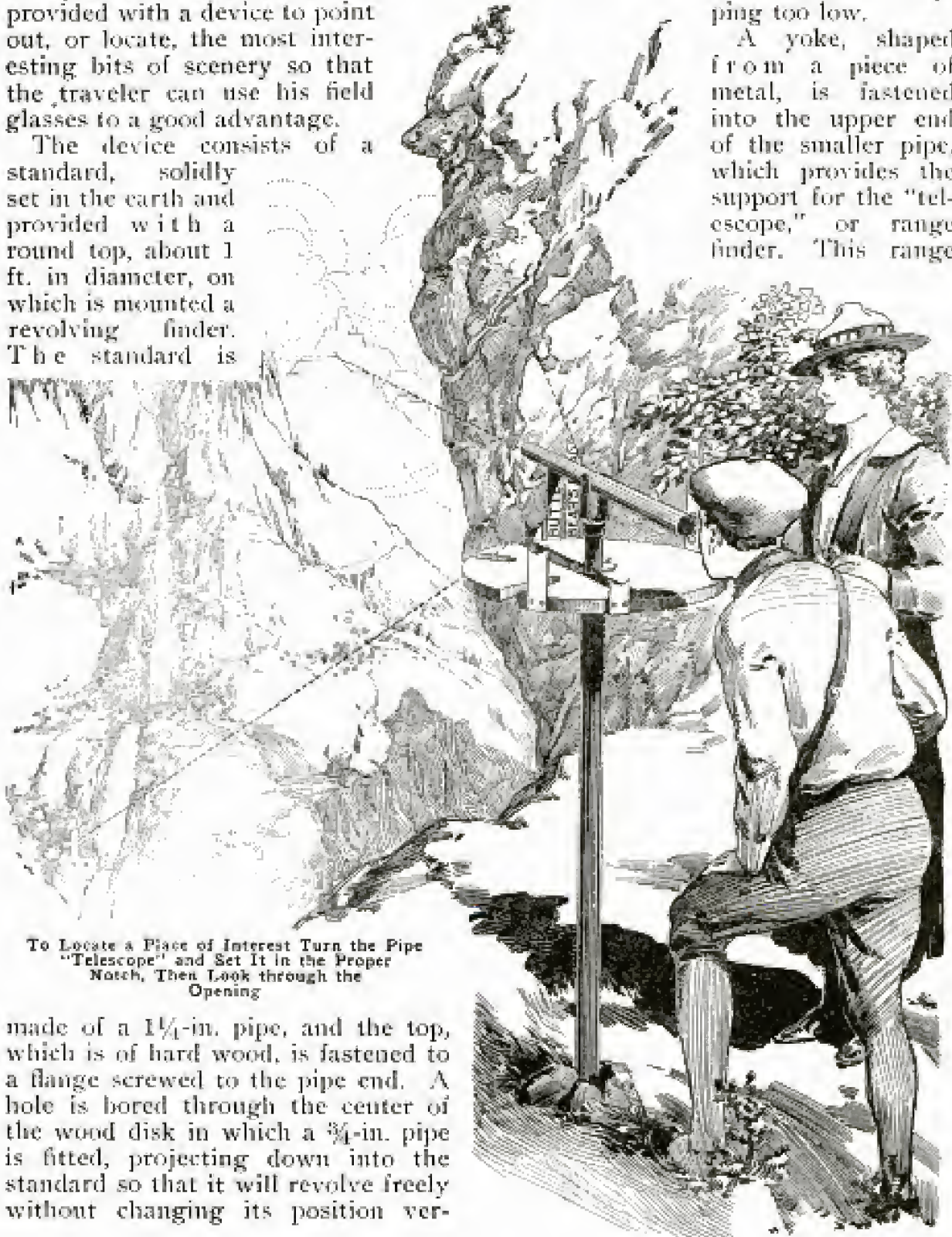
Range Finder to Locate Points of Interest

Tourists stopping at points of interest seldom have the chance, or take the time, to travel the surrounding country to see some spot that would take hours to reach. For this reason the general viewpoint, in some places, is provided with a device to point out, or locate, the most interesting bits of scenery so that the traveler can use his field glasses to a good advantage.

The device consists of a standard, solidly set in the earth and provided with a round top, about 1 ft. in diameter, on which is mounted a revolving finder. The standard is

tically. The weight of the pipe, if it freely slips into the standard, will be sufficient to keep it in one position, and a pin run through a hole drilled in the pipe at the proper place will prevent it from dropping too low.

A yoke, shaped from a piece of metal, is fastened into the upper end of the smaller pipe, which provides the support for the "telescope," or range finder. This range



To Locate a Place of Interest Turn the Pipe "Telescope" and Set It in the Proper Notch, Then Look through the Opening

made of a $1\frac{1}{4}$ -in. pipe, and the top, which is of hard wood, is fastened to a flange screwed to the pipe end. A hole is bored through the center of the wood disk in which a $\frac{3}{4}$ -in. pipe is fitted, projecting down into the standard so that it will revolve freely without changing its position ver-

finder consists of a piece of 1-in. pipe, about 18 in. long, and is hung in the yoke on pins centrally located and fastened in the walls of the pipe.

Around the circumference of the disk, and properly located, are pieces of sheet metal with their upper ends cut out to receive the circular form of the pipe. If a certain point of interest is higher than the view point, the piece of sheet metal for that point must be of such height that the range-finder pipe will point to it when placed in the notch. The pieces of metal must, therefore, be made separately for each point of interest, and if a point is at a lower altitude, a portion of the board top can be cut out to receive the pipe end in place of the metal standard.

When the pipe "telescope" is turned on its swivel and set into a notch labeled "Bears Head," etc., the observer looks through the opening, and the field

of view is narrowed down so that the point of interest, which may be a good many miles away, can be easily located. The field glasses are then brought into use and the object viewed without having to make a long trip to see it.

The same device would be of interest on a country estate, located where most of the surrounding country can be seen. In this instance the device can be so constructed that a moderate-priced telescope can be placed in the yoke and standards around the wood-disk edge, permitting the things to be seen enlarged without the use of a field glass. The yoke is made in the same manner, but, instead of pins for fastenings, the inside of the metal is lined with rubber, or felt, and a thumbscrew fitted in the upper end of one arm, to use as a clamp to fasten the telescope in place. In this manner the telescope can be removed to prevent loss by theft.

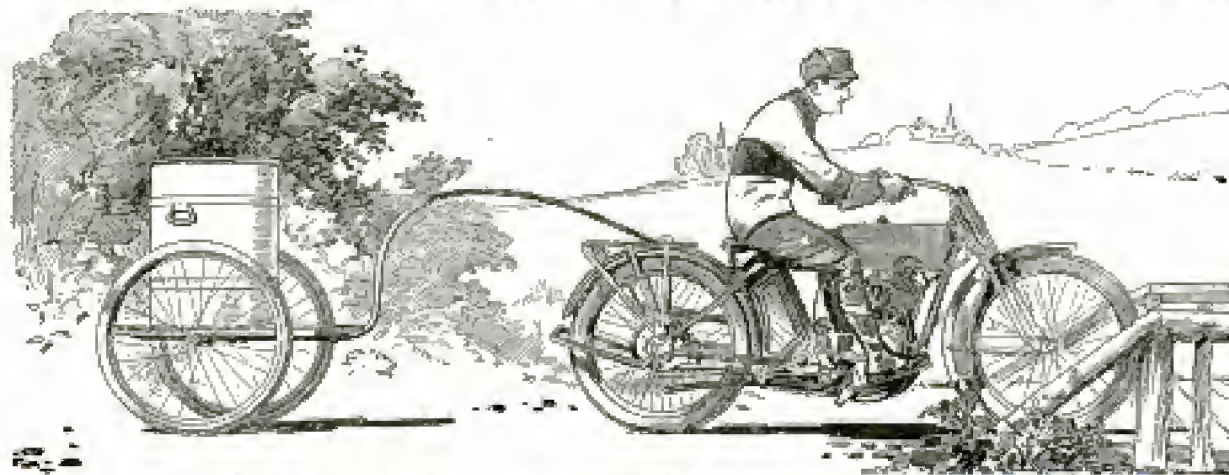
Motorcycle Trailer for Ice-Cream Kegs

To make quick delivery of bulk ice cream one druggist made a trailer for his motorcycle as shown in the illustration. Two ordinary bicycle wheels were fitted on a straight axle, and on top of it a platform of boards was fastened. The surface of this platform was made large enough to carry one extra-large ice-cream keg, or four small ones. To the front end of the cart a curved rod was attached, so that it could be fastened to the brace on the

rear mud guard of the motorcycle. The connection was made flexible so that turns could be accomplished without trouble or tipping of the trailer.

Hat Hook Used as a Switch in a Bell Circuit

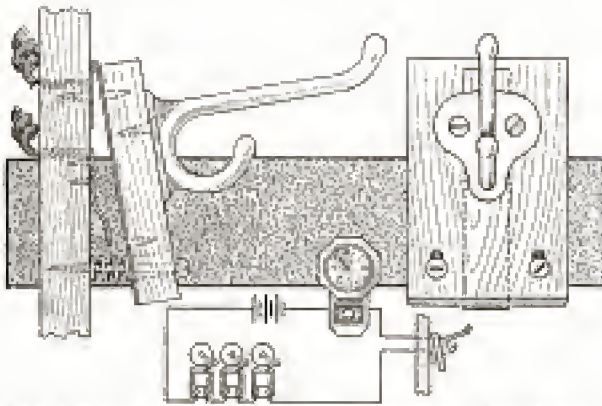
Where a set of electric bells were installed in a high-school building to be rung from the school clock, it was necessary to place a cut-out switch in the line, to prevent the bells from ringing at night and when the school was



A Trailer Serving the Purpose of Delivering Ice-Cream Kegs, but Which could be Used for Many Other Kinds of Light Delivery If Provided with a Covering

closed, thus avoiding unnecessary use of the batteries. Knowing that an ordinary switch would be frequently forgotten, the scheme illustrated, which is positive and as good as automatic, was adopted.

On the face of a block, about $\frac{1}{2}$ in. thick, 3 in. long, and 2 in. wide, is fastened an ordinary coat or hat hook. On the back at the upper end is fastened a brass hinge, and in electric contact with this is a brass strip that runs down the center. The hinge is then secured to the wall and connected to one terminal. A second contact strip, connected to the other terminal, is fastened to the wall directly behind the brass strip on the back of the block. Near each lower corner of the block an oblong hole is made, and through these brass screws are driven into the wall, around each of which a short piece of coiled spring is placed to keep the contacts apart.



The Weight of a Hat Closes the Contact Points and Makes the System Operative

When the head master hangs his hat on the hook the springs are compressed, the break in the circuit is closed, and the controller in the clock is connected to the system and becomes operative. The removal of the hat opens the circuit, and there is no chance of the bells operating out of school hours unless the head master goes home bareheaded.—Contributed by J. A. Bannister, Chesley, Ont.

It is well to know that rapid cooling of a liquid produces fine crystals; the slower it changes form, the larger the crystals.

Display Board for Moving-Picture Show Posters

An enterprising owner of a moving-picture theater uses a bill or poster board as shown. As the program is

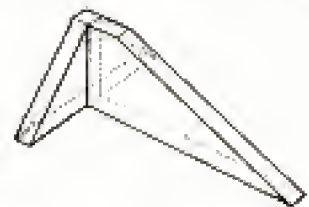


The Outer Surface of the Board Has a Hinged Skeleton Door to Hold the Poster

changed nightly, the posters must be removed and new ones put in daily. The skeleton door frame on the board holds the poster in place without the use of paste. The panel shape of the upper part of the door automatically frames the headline. The door is fastened with a small hook and eye. This method is far handier and much less mussy than where paste is used.

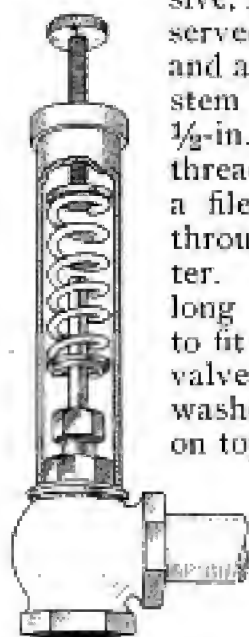
A Doorstop

A simple and effective doorstop can be made in a short time by nailing together two pieces of pine board, cut as shown in the sketch. In use, the long wedge-shaped piece is shoved under the bottom of the door, which, when released, holds the doorstop firmly in place, making it impossible for the door to close. If desired, a strip of rubber, or felt, can be glued to the bottom of the doorstop.—Contributed by A. J. Stover, Corvallis, Ore.



Homemade Safety Valve

On my oxyacetylene-welding outfit there were needed several relief and safety valves. As these are quite expensive, I constructed some that

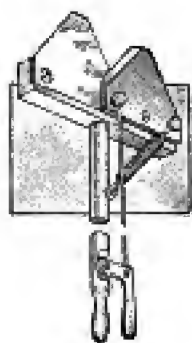


served the purpose from pipe and angle valves. The valve stem was removed from a $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. angle valve, and the threads were removed with a file. A hole was drilled through the stem for a cotter. A piece of pipe, 5 in. long and of the proper size to fit over the bonnet of the valve, was procured. A washer was put on the stem on top of the cotter, then an open coil spring.

The upper end of the pipe was fitted with a cap, drilled centrally and tapped for a $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. rod. A rod, $\frac{1}{4}$ in. in diameter and about $2\frac{1}{2}$ in. long, was threaded for its entire length, and a disk fastened to its lower end. The upper end was fitted with a knurled head. The pressure can be set at any number of pounds desired by this adjustment.—Contributed by A. H. Waychoff, Koenig, Col.

Berry-Bush Trimmers

The essential parts necessary to make the illustrated berry-bush trimmer are two mower-



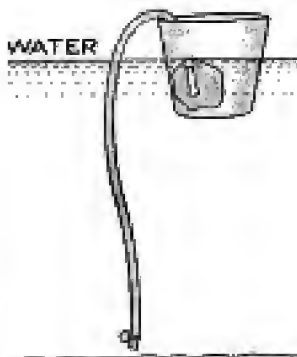
sickle sections, a spiral spring, some wire, screws, and a wooden frame. The frame is made T-shaped with a handle, about 3 ft. long, and a crosspiece, about 6 in. in length, securely fastened at the top. Should this work loose, it can be strongly braced

with triangular blocks fitted in the junction of the two pieces, and fastened to each. One of the sickle sections is rigidly connected to the frame. The other is drilled for a center hole in line

with the regular rivet holes at opposite corners. The corners are bent up slightly, to provide an easier rocking motion. The section can then be fastened to the crosspiece with a round-head screw, a washer being placed next to the wood to line up the two sections. One end of the spiral spring is connected at the outer end of the sickle blade, and the other end to the handle, as shown. An operating wire connects with the opposite corner of the blade, and leads to a hand lever conveniently hinged near the end of the handle. When the hand lever is pulled down, the rocking section swings across the stationary piece, thereby cutting off the dead limbs, twigs, etc., caught between them. When the handle is released, the spring returns the rocking section to its original position, preparatory for another cut.—Chas. J. Donahue, Crete, Indiana.

Procuring Clean Water from a River or Lake

To obtain clean water from a stream, or lake, for a camp, it must be taken



from below the surface. This can be done with a large bottle by covering the hole in the neck and dipping it in the water deeply, then removing the covering and allowing the bottle to fill. The

trouble of this method is that campers never have a large bottle at hand.

Cool, clear water can be taken from a depth of 15 ft. with the use of a small rubber tube. The illustration clearly shows how this may be accomplished. Place the tube in the water and in the bucket as a siphon, then push the bucket into the water as far as possible without letting any of the surface scum run in. Start the water flowing into the bucket as in starting a siphon.—Contributed by Geo. Goodwin, Ottawa, Ont.

BUILDING A HOME

By Geo. M. Petersen



PART I—What It Means to Own a Home

ALMOST every person has in mind to have a home of his own at some future time, and usually sacrifices many luxuries to lay aside systematically sums of money to gain that end. When that time comes, and the little hoard has grown to such proportions that, with a loan, one thinks a home can be started, then, also, is the time to do a great deal of figuring before starting the construction work. However, in one's haste to begin building, he usually forgets to incorporate in the house his own ideas, and it is erected in accordance with the idea of some architect, with the not uncommon result that it is entirely too costly for the income of the one who intends to own it.

If a person starts to build before enough money is on hand to complete it entirely, the interest on loaned money must be taken into consideration together with taxes, insurance, and depreciation. By way of illustration, suppose a house costing \$4,000 is built on a lot worth \$875 and, when complete, would bring a rental of \$25 or \$30 a month; then, to figure this on a cash basis, the yearly charges would be:

Interest on \$4,875 at 6 per cent.....	\$292.50
Taxes on assessed valuation of \$3,000...	60.00
Water	10.00
Insurance	10.00
Depreciation, 5 per cent of \$4,000.....	200.00
	<hr/> \$572.50

This represents a gross carrying charge of \$572.50 a year, or \$47.70 per month. If a rental of \$25 per month can be derived from such a house, \$300

per year may be deducted from the above amount, making the net carrying charge \$272.50 per year, or an outlay of \$22.70 each month for the pleasure of living in one's own home. The items mentioned above do not include heat, light, and other household expenses which must be taken in consideration under any condition of living. The \$292.50 interest is not money paid out, but represents what the money would earn at a reasonable rate of interest and which is lost in the investment.

As another example, consider that cash is paid for the lot and that a first mortgage is given for \$3,000 at 5½ per cent, and a second mortgage for \$1,000 at 6 per cent. The second mortgage is usually figured to be cleared off in three years by making certain yearly or half-yearly payments. In this case the carrying charge would be approximately as follows during the life of the second mortgage:

Interest lost at 6 per cent on \$875.....	\$ 52.50
Interest on first mortgage of \$3,000 at 5½ per cent.....	165.00
Principal and interest on second mortgage at 6 per cent.....	200.00
Taxes on assessed valuation of \$3,000...	60.00
Water and insurance.....	20.00
Depreciation of 5 per cent on \$4,000....	200.00
	<hr/> \$803.50

Thus the total carrying charge for a year would be \$893.50, or \$74.46 a month, and if credit is given for a monthly rental of \$25, or \$300 a year, the net carrying charge would be \$593.50, or \$49.46 a month, which will be reduced to \$41.46 gross and \$16.45

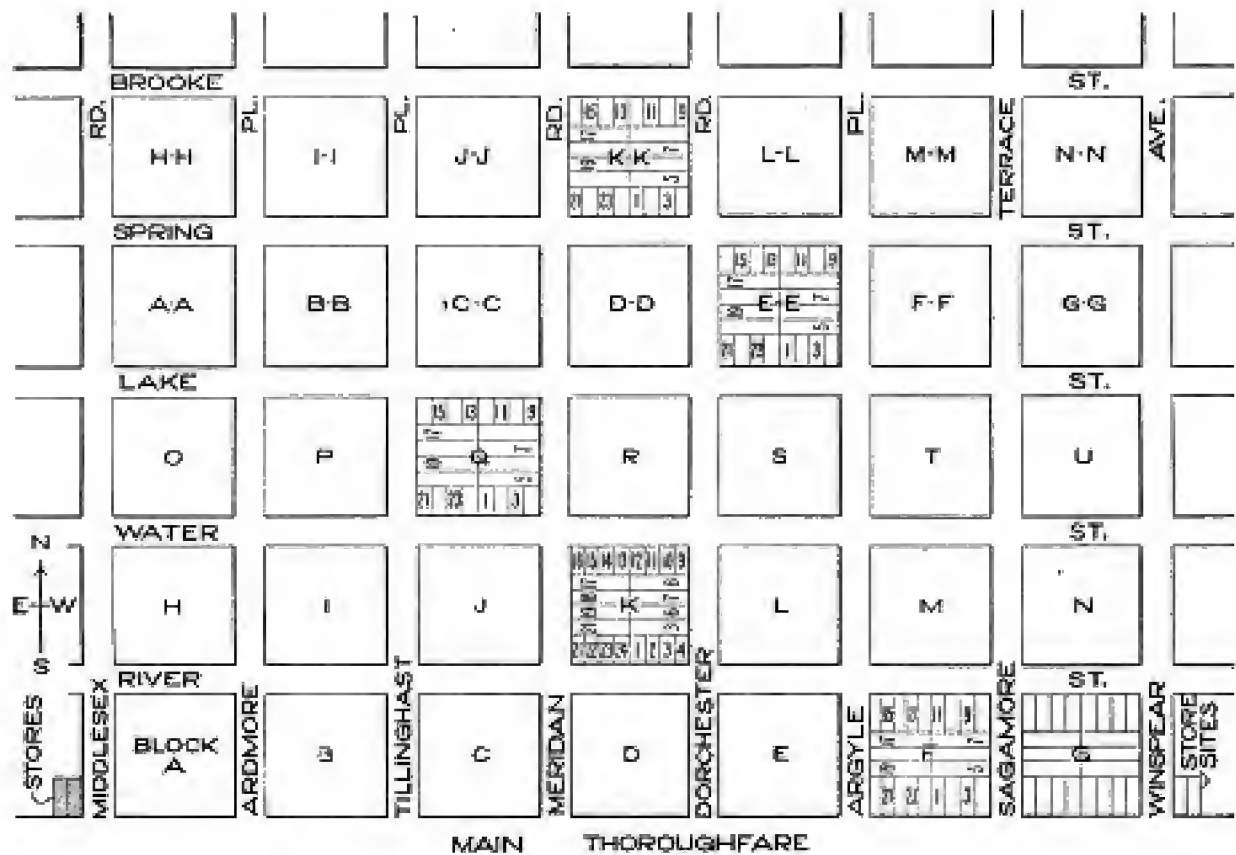
net at the end of three years when the second mortgage is paid up.

The item of depreciation may not be an actual one during the life of the second mortgage, but experience has shown that the life of the average present-day frame dwelling is only about 20 years, which is due to light construction and poor materials. Of course, the land might increase in value fast enough to make up for the depreciation in the building, but this land increase cannot be taken in consideration. As a business proposition, a depreciation fund should be started in a savings bank, and into this account five per cent of the value of the building should be placed each year. This fund could be used for making needed repairs, which would

extend the life of the building, and at a time when it is too old for further use there would be sufficient capital to build a new one.

These notes are not intended to discourage anyone who is contemplating the construction of a home on the first and second-mortgage plan, but to call attention to the numerous items, which are seldom mentioned by the installment builders when they are closing up a deal. Too many people start to build a home and lose it just because they forgot to figure the interest on the first mortgage, the taxes, or something else that would have caused them to wait a little longer and saved their money and home.

After counting the cost, and making

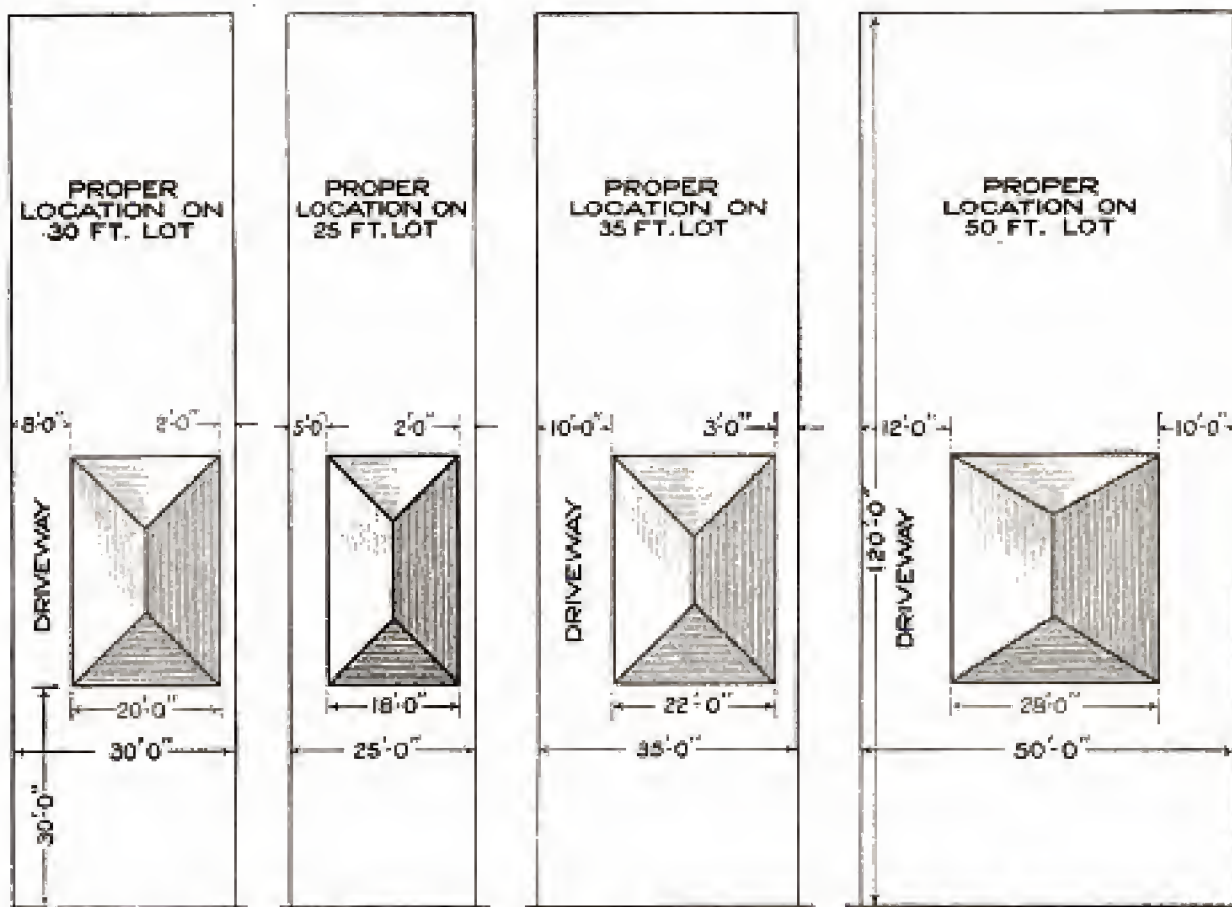


SUBDIVISION OF ELMWOOD HEIGHTS PARK

STORE SITES, PARKS, ETC., DESIGNATED BY BLOCK A, LOT 21, ETC.

NORTH & SOUTH OF BLOCKS	A. TO N INC.	2-STY. SINGLE HOUSES	TO COST NOT LESS THAN \$10,000	5,000
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A Small Subdivision Layout Showing How the Blocks are Divided for Single Houses, Bungalows, and Flat Buildings Where There Are Restrictions as to Location and Kind of Buildings.



All Houses on the Street should be Built to Front on a Line Some Distance from the Sidewalk and to be Well Located Sideways, Much Depending on the Width of the Lot

sure that the income will be sufficient to carry the project of building a home, it is advisable to get in touch with some first-class contractor whose advice can be depended upon in regard to the selection of a lot, the location of the house on the lot, style of house, etc. The modern contractor usually has an architect, or first-class draftsman, who will make plans and specifications for the building free of charge, if given the contract for building the home. The contractor, having practical experience, usually knows how to cut the expense without it showing in the quality of the building.

If the contractor has not such a man, procure the services of a good architect and have a complete set of plans and specifications made, so that when the house is finished, the material and workmanship can be checked.

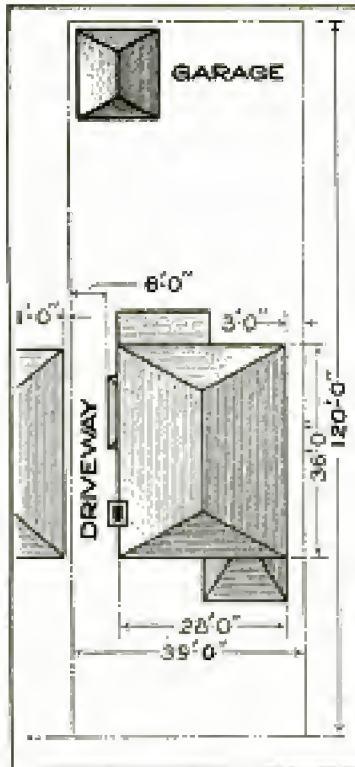
Selecting a Lot

When selecting a lot, make sure that the location is exactly what is wanted,

and then get the price of a number of lots in the immediate vicinity from persons other than the one who has the lot for sale, to ascertain if the price is right. Also be sure to take into consideration the present conditions of the surrounding property, and learn whether the property value is going up or down. Select a location that has good chances for an increase in value.

If it is necessary to use some conveyance to and from business, transportation facilities must be considered. Also ascertain whether sewer and water connections are in, and if the street is paved, that all assessments are paid. When selecting a lot and planning a house, build in a locality and construct a house that will appeal to others, so that, if forced to sell, it can be done without loss.

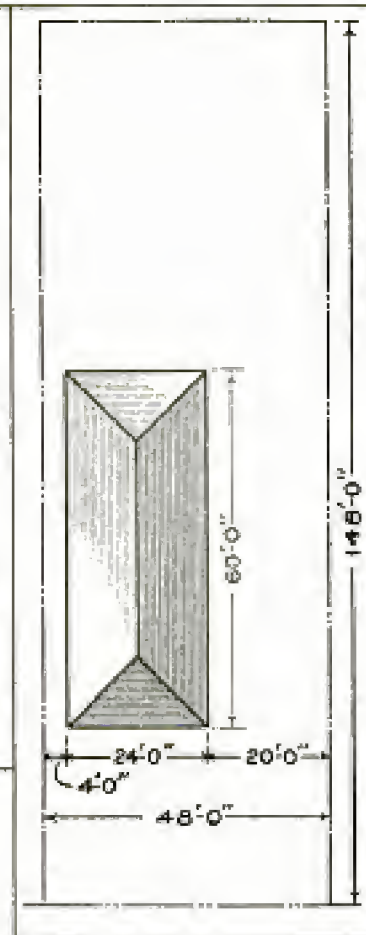
When placing the valuation on a lot, take into consideration its formation. That the lot is a little low compared with the surrounding land is no drawback, but an advantage, as the material



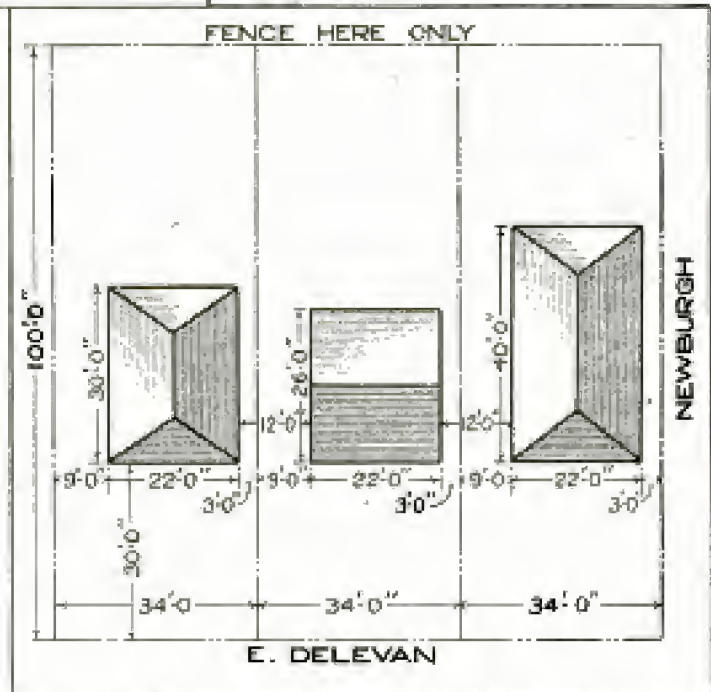
A Small Bungalow
Built between
Two Large Houses

excavated to make the basement can be used for filling in, and thus considerable money saved by not having to haul the soil away. The character of the earth must be determined, as a lot composed of stone will make excavating expensive. Sandy-loam soil is best, soft clay next, then hard clay, shales, and stone.

Usually a corner lot is selected, but it is not always advantageous, since assessments are always higher, and if pavements are to be placed or are in, the assessments are levied for two streets instead of one. The water bill will also be much higher, as the sprinkling charge is based on the frontage and a corner lot fronts on two streets. There is also a great deal more sidewalk to clear in the winter and more grass to cut in summer. However, it is best to get a lot that one is absolutely satisfied with, since,



A Ground
Layout for
a Large
Two-Family
Flat
Building



A Ground Plan of a Bungalow, a Semi-Bungalow, and a Two-Family Flat, Erected on Adjoining Lots, Each Having a 34-Foot Front, and All the Lots being Terraced

no matter how fine the house may be, he is apt to dislike the home on account of the lot.

It is always best to keep away from factories, mills, saloons, street-car barns, shops, medical colleges, public institutions, hospitals, sanitariums, cemeteries, etc., as such property is not desirable for residences.

The most important thing to look into when buying a piece of vacant, or improved, property, is to carefully examine the title and see that it is clear. An expert abstract man should always do this part of the work. A loan cannot be had on an imperfect title, and to effect a sale is very difficult in such a case, not to mention that it is likely to throw the property into litigation.

Do not become too enthusiastic over a certain lot or location. Take time to think over

the objections that may be raised against the property. Have these answered by the owner or the agent, then consider their arguments.

Almost all modern subdivision lots are sold with restrictions, which are mentioned in the deed to the property, stating what style and class of house can be built on each particular lot. A restricted subdivision is a very good proposition, as one knows that all lot owners must build houses of similar size and class. One of the illustrations shows a small subdivision layout.

Of course, these lots are sometimes purchased by people who will try to evade the restrictions and build a store building on a residence site, or a flat building in a block of single houses. In most communities these buildings may be stopped any time before completion by any one property owner applying for and getting an injunction from the court. If the restrictions cover the entire street or neighborhood, and the company selling the lots is reliable, such structures can be removed from the premises. While on the subject of subdivision lots it may be well to state that it is more desirable, in many instances, to purchase a lot from a subdivision company than from an individual, as the company will have a number of lots and all must be protected, while the average individual owner simply desires to sell.

While a building can be started at almost any time, it is best to begin in the spring. The winter can then be given to a study of the conditions of the lot and to sum up the defects before making the purchase. The one great advantage of spring building is that the lumber dealer lays in a stock of framing lumber in the fall to carry him through the winter. This material is piled in the yard in such a way that it will be well dried in the spring. The lumber sold in the summer usually is taken direct from the boats, or cars, and is somewhat green.

Locating the House

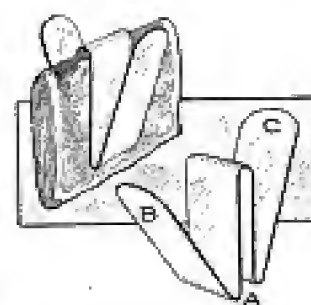
After selecting the lot, which should not be less than 35 ft. wide, if room is desired for a driveway, it is well to draw a little plan of it on paper and lay out the location of the house. Building plans are drawn to scale, usually $\frac{1}{4}$ in.

to the foot, 1 in. on the drawing equaling 4 ft. on the lot.

Figure on keeping the front porch in line with those of the adjoining houses. Allow at least 2 ft., and more if possible, on the side of the lot opposite the walk or driveway. Various sizes of houses on different widths of lots are shown in the illustration, together with dimensions. In locating the house and laying out the grounds, be sure to arrange the building properly. If there is a large two-family flat building on either side, do not try to build a little bungalow, as it will not only make the house look squatty, but will seriously interfere with the draft in the chimney. A bungalow will appear best if the ground is terraced up to about 2 or 3 ft. and has plenty of room around it. All houses should be kept back from the street as far as possible, as they present a more pleasing appearance when so located, than when set out near the sidewalk.

A Safety Bill Holder

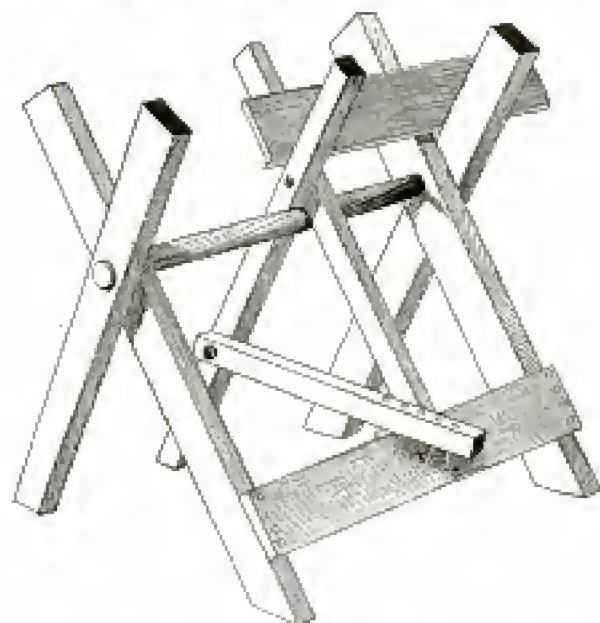
The illustration shows a clip that will prevent the loss of paper money when it is carried loose in the pocket. It is made of a piece of flat spring, bent into the shape of the letter W. The bills are slipped into the space A, and the extending ends B and C are used to release the hold on the money. It would be a difficult matter for anyone to remove the clip and money without attracting the attention of the owner, as the ends B and C must be pressed together before it could be removed, especially if it is carried in the small upper pocket made for a watch.



ⒸPlumbago, graphite, or black lead will sometimes prevent a shaft from running hot when oil fails.

Sawhorse Attachment for Short Sticks

When it is necessary to saw a few short pieces, the ordinary sawhorse is an unhandy place to hold the wood.



Sawhorse Attachment That Provides a Way of Holding Any Short Length of Wood

As I had a great many short pieces to cut for a small round stove, I made an attachment, as shown in the illustration, that would hold a stick regardless of its length.

The attachment consists of four pieces of board, two of which are joined together in the same manner as the crossed pieces for the sawhorse ends, but in such a position that they will hang over the center crossbar and make the depth of the yoke the same as that of the sawhorse. The end of one piece bears against a board that is fastened to the front pieces of the sawhorse.

Another piece, hinged to the lower end of the opposite center-yoke piece, is provided with notches, or a rack made of nails, to engage the upper edge of the board, as shown. The manner of using the device is obvious.—Contributed by A. S. Thomas, Amherstburg, Can.

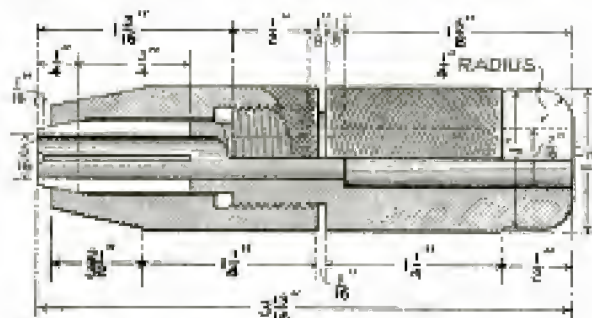
Worn ball bearings can be repaired by truing up the ball races and using larger balls.

Disposing of Fumes from a Gas Stove

Where natural or artificial gas is used, the cost of building a chimney can be saved in the following manner: A 3-in. vent pipe is run from the vent of any gas stove, or heater, through the walls and up into the hood used over the kitchen range, about 6 in. from the bottom of the hood. Where the pipe passes through a wall, use asbestos wrapping as a precaution against fires. This will carry off the disagreeable odors of the burnt gases from the heater. The application of the heat in the hood creates a draft and will make the hood twice as effective.—Contributed by D. B. Koenig, Los Angeles, California.

Tool Holder for Round Shanks

In most tool holders using round stock, difficulty is frequently experienced in fastening or unfastening the tools, due to the short grip usually made on the nut or lower part of the holder. This trouble can be overcome by making an equal length of grip on both parts, as shown in the illustration, thereby increasing the force with which the parts may be screwed together, or separated, and the tool gripped in place, or unloosened, as the case may be. This holder calls for $\frac{5}{16}$ -in. stock. The grip jaws are provided with a slot, into which can



The Knurled Part on the Chuck and Handle are the Same Length to Provide an Equal Grip

be placed a pin fastened to the shank of the tool, thus preventing its slipping when under strain, as when using a screwdriver.—Contributed by J. R. Jarvis, New Haven, Conn.

Rocking Base for Shaking Down Contents of Barrels and Boxes

When it becomes necessary to ship nuts, washers, or other small articles of a similar nature, a saving can be effected in the number of barrels or boxes used for shipment, if these articles are thoroughly shaken down by rocking the containers back and forth. To decrease the labor and time required in this operation, a simple arrangement can be made as illustrated. A cover of wood or iron, larger than the barrel bottom, should be obtained and fastened to a piece of pipe, or round rod. This should be secured to the floor with staples, or nails, driven on each side, permitting the device to rock back and forth. In use the barrel or box is placed on the platform



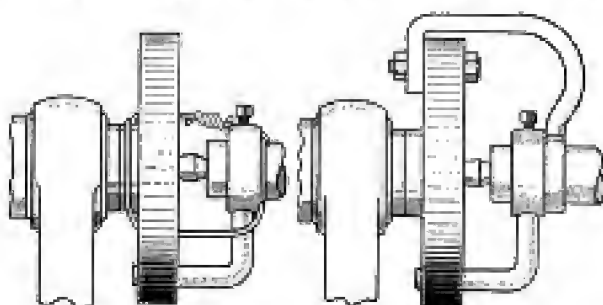
A Tipping Base for Use in Jostling Down Small Parts in Barrels and Boxes for Shipment

and its contents are shaken down by a rocking motion simplified by the roller bearing.—Contributed by John J. Kolar, Maywood, Ill.

Spring to Hold Work against Lathe Center

It frequently is necessary to turn work in a lathe where one end is held to the faceplate center and the other supported in a center rest. To keep the work in place, it usually is tied to the faceplate with a cord, or wire, wound around the lathe dog. With this method it is necessary to have the work drawn tightly to the lathe center, and to do so, the faceplate must be unscrewed several turns when binding the work to the dog, after which the faceplate is turned to its usual position, thereby tightening the connection. To avoid this difficulty, a flat spring can be substituted for the cord. This is bent to clamp against the back side of the faceplate, at one end, while the

other end is fork-shaped, to straddle the work, and is clamped against the dog, forcing it and the work against the



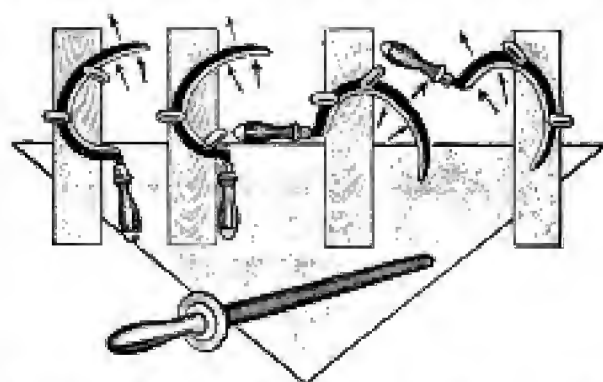
The Old Method of Wiring Work to a Lathe Center, and Spring That Takes Its Place

center. The spring is held in place on the faceplate with a bolt and nut.

Sharpening a Sickle

Where a grindstone is not convenient, a good cutting edge can be put on the ordinary sickle with the aid of a file. The sickle is clamped securely to a piece of board—old wringer clamps will answer the purpose—and shifted around in the various positions shown, so that a new surface is presented to the file. The arrows show the directions in which to file.

A tin disk, with a thick piece of leather as a face, makes a good guard for the hand. The leather will not spoil the edge of the sickle, should the file slip, and the tin prevents the sickle from cutting the hand, if filing is done with more vigor than care. A vise is

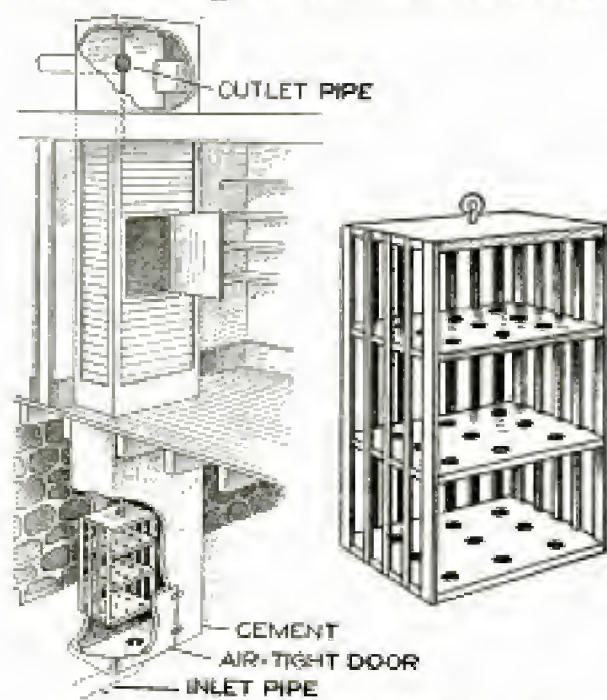


Various Positions for Clamping a Sickle to a Board for Filing Its Edge Sharp

not essential, as the board holding the sickle can be nailed to any convenient wood surface.—Contributed by James M. Kane, Doylestown, Pa.

An Iceless Refrigerator

In order to build the iceless refrigerator shown in the illustration, a shaft of suitable dimensions must be provided, having its bottom several feet



Dumb-Waiter Used to Lower Edibles in a Shaft Where They will be Kept Cool

below the surface of the ground, and the upper end extended above the receiving floor up to the ceiling or, better still, up into the attic. The lower part of the shaft, for a distance of several feet—or up to the receiving floor if possible—should be built of cement, the walls being several inches thick; the remaining portion, up to the top of the shaft, can be made of matched lumber. At a convenient distance above the floor, a door should be provided in order to give access to the lift. This door may be attached with hinges or made to slide in grooves, as preferred.

To conveniently get into the shaft at the bottom, an opening can be made which should be provided with a heavy air-tight cover, to be closed when using the refrigerator. An air-circulating pipe, leading from the outside, should be connected to the shaft at the bottom; another pipe should connect the upper end of the shaft with the chimney, thereby forming a complete and continuous air circulation which, to-

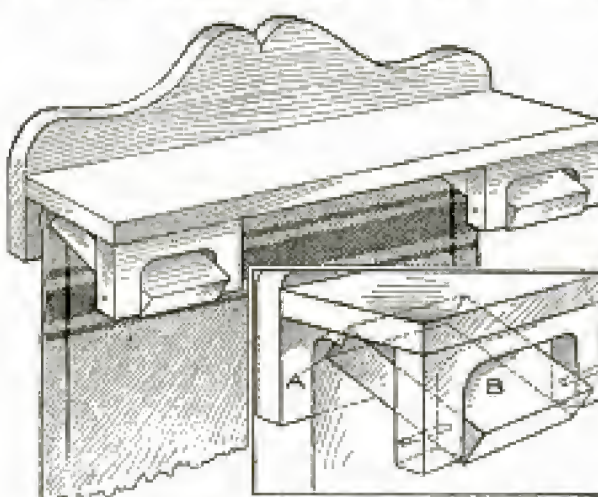
gether with the heat insulation provided by the cement walls, produces a temperature sufficiently low to keep almost any food.

A lift, or dumb-waiter, must be made, with its shelves perforated, as shown. One of its vertical sides is left open for placing the food; the other three consist of strips with spaces between. The air in its upward course is thus enabled to freely circulate through the lift.

The lift is suspended by a rope, which is passed over a pulley attached to the top of the shaft. A weight attached to the rope is used to counterbalance the lift. Provision for an outside suspension of the counterweight must be made, if the shaft is so short that the weight and lift come together before the lift can be brought to its proper position before the shaft door. For this purpose, a second pulley should be provided and conveniently suspended on one of the outside walls of the shaft; a hole must be bored for the lift rope, and the counterweight fastened to the loose end.—Contributed by H. R. Goodwin, Marblehead, Mass.

A Handy Towel Holder

Hand towels hung on a rail often drop to the floor for the reason that they are hastily hung up and no care



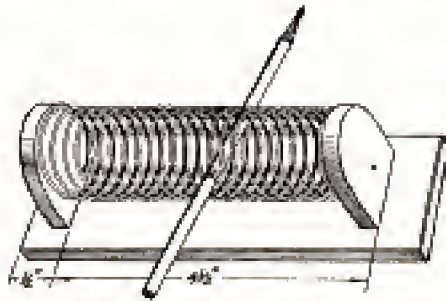
The Towel is Gripped at One End, Leaving Its Entire Length Hanging for Use

is taken to even the lengths of the ends. The hanger illustrated, the holding device being shown in the small sketch,

grips one end of the towel, which cannot come out until the grips are released. Any person handy with tools can cut out the holder from any suitable wood. The edge A of the hinged block B holds the corner of the towel against the back piece.

Penholder and Pencil Rack

A simple rack, made as illustrated and conveniently suspended on a wall or at a desk, will serve to keep penholders and pencils in a place where they may always be found. The parts necessary for its construction are a wooden frame and a coiled compression spring. The frame consists of two end blocks, fastened to a back piece which is drilled at one end for suspending it from a nail or hook. In selecting or making the spring, a No. 20 gauge brass spring wire, or one about $\frac{1}{16}$ in. in diam-



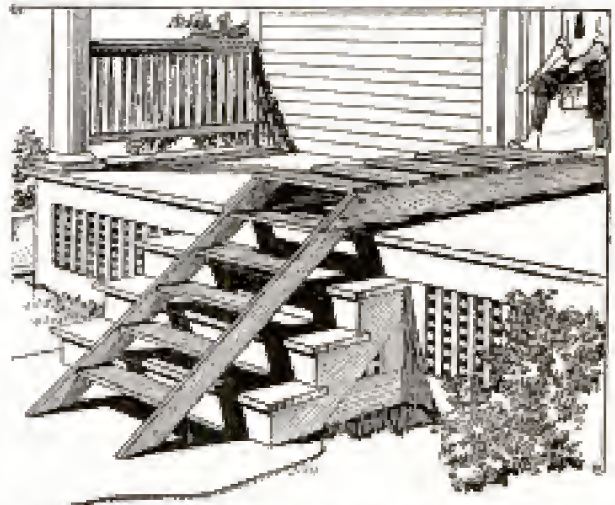
A Coil of Wire, Fastened between Two Supports on a Base, Makes a Good Pen and Pencil Rack

eter, should be used. The length of spring, when free, should be such that a pressure will be required to force it between the end pieces of the frame. In securing it in position, holes should be provided in the frame so the ends of the spring may be passed through and bent down, to prevent them from pulling back. The completed holder should be stained and varnished to match the desk or wall it is fastened to.

Emergency Steps

New fresh paint on steps compels the occupants of a house not to use them until the coating becomes dry. In some places it is almost impossible to discontinue the use of the steps for any length of time. To provide a means of

using an entrance where steps are freshly coated with paint, I made the arrangement shown in the illustration.



Temporary Steps Made of a Few Boards, to Provide a Way for Entering over Fresh Paint

It is constructed of a few boards in step form, and is bolted together so that it can be adjusted to different heights, or taken apart and stored.—F. Ibbotson, Toronto, Can.

Holding a Self-Closing Faucet Open

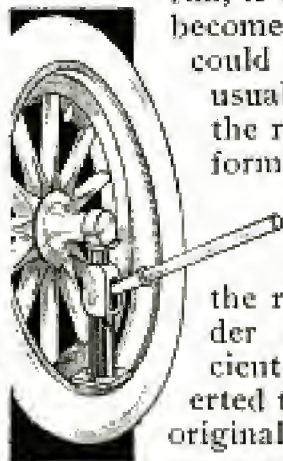
When a large quantity of boiling water is drawn from a self-closing faucet, the handle becomes too hot to be held unless it is covered with a cloth, or kept open in some other manner. A simple way to overcome the difficulty is to use an iron band, bent, at one end, to form a loose loop around the faucet which is held together with a rivet, or bolt and nut. The other end is made to fit the handle when it is in its open position. When not in use, the hook may be swung out of the way, as indicated by its dotted position.—Contributed by G. Jaques, Chicago, Ill.



⚠ Warm high-speed tools, especially the lubricant, before using them.

Replacing Oval-Shaped Automobile-Wheel Rims

In trying to replace a demountable rim, it was found that it had become oval-shaped, and could not be put on in the usual manner. To force the rim back to a circular form a jack was used, as shown in the illustration. It was set with the base on the rim and the head under the hub, and sufficient pressure was exerted to force the rim to its original form, after which it was easily driven into place; the entire operation requiring less than two minutes.



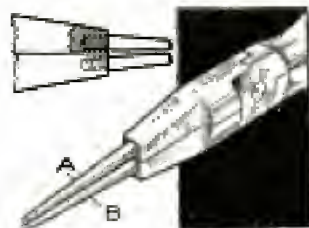
An Electric-Light Socket Hook

A hook by the aid of which an electric light can be attached to any particular place, is made as shown in the sketch. A band of sheet-spring stock is formed so that it will act as a clip on the lamp socket. The clip and hook can be made of one piece. The clip is slipped on and off the socket very easily, and proves a handy device for holding a light in a certain place temporarily.



Round-Nose Attachment for Pliers

An attachment consisting of two tapered rods threaded at one end, by means of which ordinary pliers can be quickly transformed into the round-nose type, is here shown. Two pins, A and B, of suitable size, are tapered and the larger ends, which are turned down slightly to form a shoulder, are threaded. The



ends of the plier jaws are ground on a slight angle, so that when they are drilled and tapped for the rods A and B, they will take the same angle, allowing them to close flush. Other attachments suited to special work can be made to fit threaded jaws, and prove of value to the mechanic without in any way interfering with the pliers being used in their original form.

A Pencil-Point Protector

To avoid breaking the pencil point every time the pencil is dropped, make an attachment as follows: Cut a piece of rubber, that is about $\frac{1}{8}$ in. thick, into a square, a little wider each way than the diameter of the pencil. Make a hole exactly in the center and force it on the pencil point, as shown.



The rubber can be used as an eraser and it will also prevent the pencil from rolling off the desk. If the pencil is dropped the rubber will prevent the point from striking the floor.

Inexpensive Weather Strips

In cold climates weather strips on the door casings of houses are a necessity. The house owner who is also an automobilist can make for himself weather strips of the very best kind at very little expense. Such a one is illustrated. It



consists of a flat strip of rubber, fastened under a molding strip so that the yielding edge of the rubber will effectively seal the joint.

An old inner tube is cut into strips, 1 in. wide, which are fastened beneath strips of molding, about $\frac{1}{4}$ by $\frac{3}{4}$ in. in size. The strips are screwed to the door casing in such a position that the edge of the rubber will strike the door just before it strikes the door stop.

To Locate and Correct Troubles in Direct-Current Dynamos

By A. E. ANDREWS

PART II—Heating and Noise

Heating of the Armature

THE heating of an armature may be caused by an overload, or by its not being centrally located between the poles; by a short circuit, a broken circuit, or a cross connection, the remedies of which were given in the preceding chapter. Another cause is moisture in the armature coils. The remedy for the latter is to dry out the coils with a slow heat. This may be done by sending through the armature a current regulated not to exceed the proper value. If it is not so bad as to cause a short circuit, cross connection, or too much heat, the moisture may be dried out by the heat of the armature current itself while running.

Eddy currents in the armature core will cause heating. This results from a faulty armature core, which becomes hotter than the coils after a short run. The core should be finely laminated and the laminæ insulated. There is no other remedy than to rebuild the armature. Hot commutator bars and hot journals may affect the armature temperature. These troubles may be eliminated as described.

Heating of the Field Coils

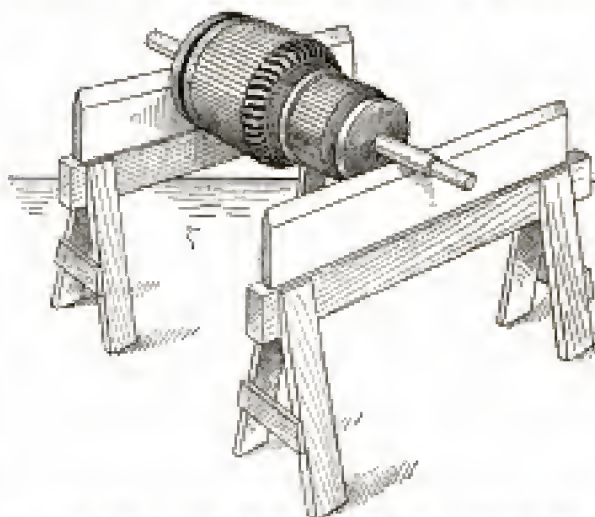
An excessive current in the field circuit will cause the heating of the field coils. If it is a shunt machine, decrease the voltage at the terminals by reducing the speed or by increasing the resistance of the field coils. The latter may be accomplished by winding more wire on the coils, by rewinding with finer wire, or by putting a resistance in series with the field.

In series-wound machines shunt a portion of the current, or take off one or more layers of wire, or rewind the fields with coarser wire. An excessive current may be due to a short circuit or to moisture in the coils acting as a short circuit.

Eddy currents in the pole pieces will cause the heating of the field coils. The

pole pieces may be hotter than the field coils after a short run, due to a faulty construction, or to a fluctuating current in the latter. Regulate and steady the current.

The coils may show a resistance lower than normal, which may be caused by a short circuit, or contact



Knife-Edge Leveling Bars Used for Locating the Heavy Side of an Armature

with the iron of the dynamo, or by a short circuit resulting from moisture in the coils. Use the same remedy as in drying out the armature coils.

Heating of Bearings

Among the main things to do is to supply plenty of good, clean oil and see that it feeds into the bearings properly. The best quality of mineral oil, free from grit, should be used. Be careful not to flood the bearings so as to force oil on the commutator, or into the insulation of the brush holders, as the oil will gradually char, gather copper dust and form a short circuit. Vaseline, cylinder oil, or other heavy lubricant, may be used if ordinary oil fails to remedy the hot box. Use it until the run is over, then clean up and adjust the bearings.

If the bearings have collected dirt, grit, or other foreign matter, wash it out by flooding with clean oil until

the run is over. Be very careful not to flood the commutator or brush holders. After the run is over, remove the cap and clean the journals and bearings, and when again assembled, lubricate them well. If it is necessary to remove the bearings completely, allow them to cool naturally, then polish and free them from grit, and reassemble. If a journal is rough, smooth and polish it in a lathe, to remove all burrs, cuts, scratches, and tool marks, then make new bearings of babbitt, or other metal, to properly fit the shaft.

If the journals are too tight in the bearings, slacken the bolts in the cap and put in packing pieces until the run is over; then fit them to smooth bearings and easy rotation by hand if the machine is small. Turn down the journal smooth, and repolish, or scrape, the bearings until they fit properly.

A bent, or sprung, shaft, if small, should be straightened by springing it while set between the centers of a lathe.

When bearings are out of line, loosen the base of the bearings, and shift them until the armature turns freely by hand with the belt off, while at the same time it is in the center of the polar space. Remount and, when fastened in place, fit new dowels, to allow the new position to be kept when the bolts are drawn up tightly. If the shaft needs to be raised or lowered, shim up or trim down the foot of the bearing to allow the proper setting.

The end pressure of the pulley hub or shaft collars against the bearings will cause heat. See that the foundation is level, and that the armature moves freely with a small amount of end motion. If there is no end motion, turn off the shoulders on the shaft, or remove a portion of the bearing ends with a file, until the necessary end motion is obtained. Line up the shaft so that the pulley and belt will cause no end thrust on the shaft, allowing the armature to have free end play while in motion.

Too great a load, or strain, on the belt will cause the bearings to heat.

Slacken the belt to reduce the strain. If possible, do not drive a dynamo with a vertical belt. The vibration or flapping of a belt will cause the lamps to flicker. If a belt slips when running slightly slack, use a larger pulley with a wider and longer belt. The slack side of a belt should be run on top so as to increase the adhesion and pull without excessive tightening.

If the armature is not centrally located between the poles, it will cause the bearings to heat, also the wear to come on one side. Center the armature in the polar space, and adjust the bearings to the new position. If the bearings have become worn from this cause, replace them with new ones. The polar space may not be exactly true, and in that case, file it out so that there will be an equal clearance all around the armature. Sometimes it is possible to spring the pole away from the armature enough to right the trouble, and then fasten it in the new position. This, however, is very difficult to do in large and rigid machines.

Noise

When an armature, or pulley, is not properly balanced, it will cause considerable noise. The only way to remedy this is to remove the armature and place it on balancing edges, to determine the heavy side. Weight is added to the light side to make the armature properly balanced. If the armature strikes, or rubs against, the pole pieces, file out the pole where the armature strikes; and should a coil strike, press it down and secure any projecting wires with proper tie bands of strong wire.

The collars, or shoulders, of a shaft, hub, or web of a pulley may strike or rattle against the bearing. The bearing may be loose or worn out and cause a noise. New bearings may be required, or portions may be cut off to prevent their striking moving parts. Tighten up all screws, bolts and connections to make a bearing firm, and keep them so by daily attention. The jar and moving of dynamos tend to work screwed connections loose.

If the brushes sing or hiss, apply a little mineral oil, or, better still, vaseline, or hold a piece of stearic acid to the commutator and then wipe off, just leaving a faint trace of the oil, or grease. Lengthen or shorten the brushes in the holder until a firm, yet gentle, pressure is maintained, free from any hum or vibration.

A laced belt will cause the flapping, or pounding, noise. If possible, use an endless belt. Where a laced belt must be used, have the square joints

properly laced. The slipping of a belt, caused by an overload, may be overcome by making the changes described previously.

Humming caused by the armature lugs, or teeth, passing the pole pieces may be overcome by sloping the ends of the pole pieces so that the armature teeth will not pass the edges all at once. This humming also can be greatly reduced by decreasing the magnetism of the fields, or by increasing the magnetic capacity of the teeth.

Forcing Oil into a Bearing

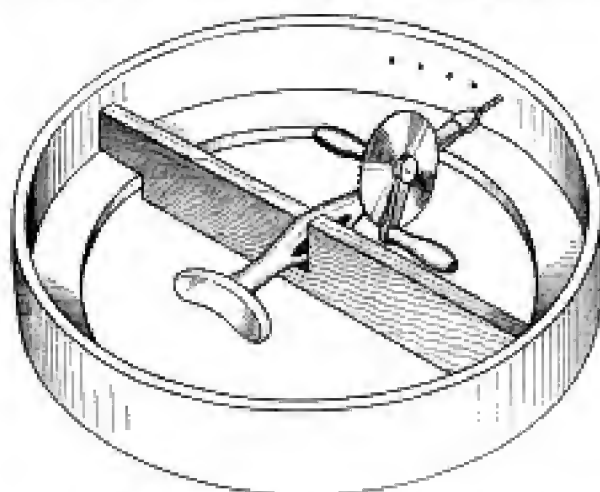
Sometimes when a bearing becomes heated and requires oil it will be found that the oil will not flow down in the oil hole. Either the hole is clogged with dirt or the heat may cause the air to rise and prevent the oil from entering. Where a wire cannot be used effectively, the following remedy, although it is not infallible, is almost sure to make the oil reach the bearing. Fill the hole with oil and quickly place the thumb over it to prevent the air from escaping, and if the oil cup does not leak, the heated air inside will rise above the oil, and in two or three minutes it will be forced into the bearing, even if it has to pass considerable dirt. When a bearing cannot be reached in this way, and when light oils, such as kerosene, are ineffective, try placing a little mercury in the oil hole and allow it to remain a few minutes, then use oil.—Contributed by J. B. Murphy, Plainfield, N. J.

Show-Case Match Box to Prevent Waste of Matches

To reduce the waste of matches placed on a cigar case, one dealer used the following device: The cover on a shallow cigar box was removed and nails were driven into the bottom from the under side so that they projected into the box and about 1 in. apart. Only the thumb and forefinger can be introduced between the nails, and two or three matches at most can be taken.

Drilling the Inside of a Ring

A ring of cast iron, 42 in. in diameter and having a flange on one edge, was designed to have a row of holes on the inside, spaced to given dimensions,



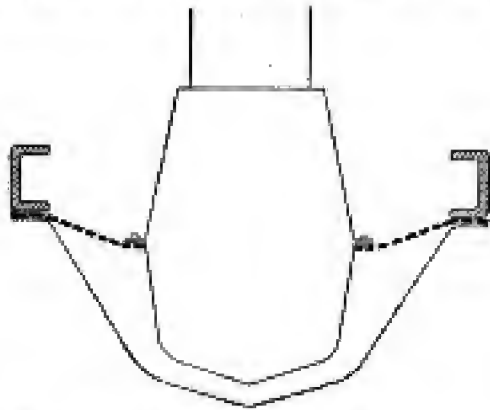
Drilling Holes Accurately and Quickly on the Inside Surface of a Large Ring

drilled in the same horizontal plane of the ring, and accurately radial. The holes were spaced out correctly with dividers and marked with a prick punch. To drill them did not appear so easy, as the holes were on the inside only and small in size. To drill them in a machine meant a lot of rigging up for a small amount of work.

The drilling was accomplished quickly as shown. The block of wood was so cut that it would hold the breast drill perfectly radial when the drill was set in the punch mark. A man stood inside of the ring and drilled the holes in a short time.—Contributed by Donald A. Hampson.

Improved Type of Automobile Sod Pan

The usual type of sod pan used in automobile construction is fastened to the frame side members of the car, and

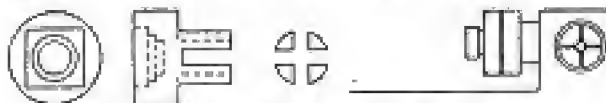


Sod-Pan Construction That Makes the Lower Part of the Crank Case Easily Accessible

passes under the engine crank case, as shown by the full line in the sketch. This is not only a very heavy and expensive construction, but the pan often jars loose, and must be removed from the chassis when being cleaned. The sod pan substituted is shown by the dotted lines, and simply consists of metal sheets, fastened on one side to the flange of the lower crank case, and on the other to the frame side members of the chassis. This construction is cheap, very light, and can easily be cleaned. The lower part of the crank case is exposed, but the dirt collected on it can be easily removed without disturbing the sod pan.—Contributed by Adolph Kline, Newark, N. J.

Jig to Thread Pipes in a Bolt-Cutting Machine

Machine shops are frequently equipped with bolt threaders but have no provision for threading pipe in any



The Jig as It is Attached in the Chuck of the Bolt-Cutting Machine to Thread Pipes

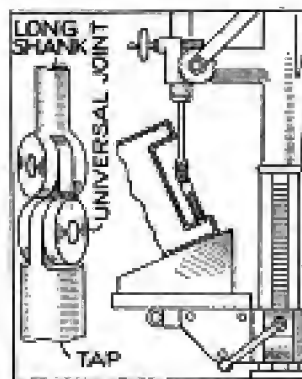
other way than by hand. The simple jig shown can be easily made and will do the work with but little special preparation. It consists of a metal

block provided with a square opening at one end, to fit the pipe dies, and countersunk so that the pipe can enter far enough for the standard length of thread. The back end of the block is turned to fit the inside of the regular bolt-cutter chuck, and slotted to match the dies, any size answering the purpose.

In using the jig, it is put into the chuck with the slots slipped over the dies. It is best to protect these with strips of copper placed in the slots. The required pipe die is put in place in the square opening at the front end. The pipe is held with the vise, and threaded in the same way as a bolt. In backing off, either the machine may be reversed or the die withdrawn and unscrewed with a wrench.—Contributed by F. W. Bentley, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Universal Joint on Drills and Taps

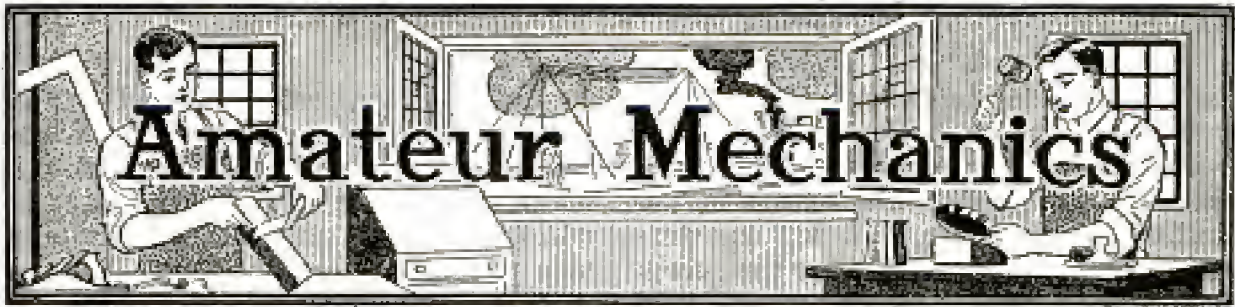
Castings are frequently designed for holes under overhanging portions,



which makes it impossible to do direct machine drilling in a drill press unless some special arrangement is provided. If the cutting tools are constructed with universal joints, as shown in the illustration, the

drilling and tapping can be easily accomplished. One end of the joint is fastened to the tool and the other to an arbor. The arbor end is gripped in the chuck of a drill press. In drilling such a hole, it is best to provide a special guide block which can be clamped in position on the casting.

Iridium is used principally for the hard points on gold pens, for making platinum hard and springy, and for making a black glaze on glass or porcelain.



A Small Shocking Machine

AN amusing as well as instructive shocking machine, usually called

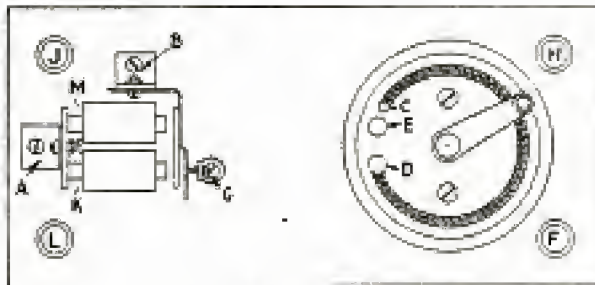


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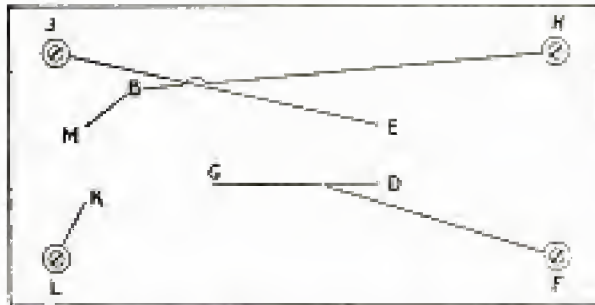


FIG. 2

The Base upon Which the Buzzer and Rheostat are Fastened, and the Electrical Connections

a medical coil, can be easily constructed from a discarded buzzer or electric bell, four binding posts, some pieces of insulated wire, two carbon rods, and a rheostat.

A base for attaching the parts is made of a piece of poplar, 10 in. long, 5 in. wide, and $\frac{1}{2}$ in. thick, which can be finished as desired, but a good method is to shape the edge like molding and give it a mahogany stain, and when dry apply a coat of white shellac, which should be allowed to dry a day, whereupon the

surface is rubbed with prepared wax. When the base is ready, mount the buzzer at one end. This can be easily done by making an L-shaped piece of metal, A, which is fastened to the base with a screw, and to the yoke of the magnet coil with a small bolt. If the armature and its connections are also used from the buzzer, the height of the coils must be taken in consideration. These parts are fastened in position as shown, using an L-shaped piece of metal, B, for the spring end. The screw holding the armature spring to the base, as well as the vibrator screw, should be of such a length that it will

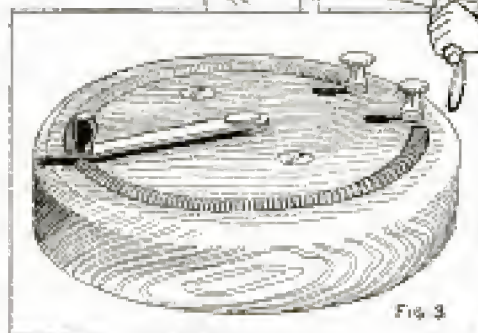


FIG. 3

The Shocking Coil as It is Used for Amusement, or in the Manner a Current is Given a Patient

Left: The Rheostat That is Used to Regulate the Flow of Current in the Carbon Hand Pieces

enter the base far enough to permit a connection for a wire in a countersunk hole bored in the base from the under side. Binding posts are placed in the corners of the base in holes countersunk from the under side for the screw heads.

The rheostat is of the miniature-battery type, which has a round base and a coil of resistance wire with a lever passing over the coil. Such a rheostat can be purchased from an electrical store, but if the person constructing the shocking machine desires to make one, it is not difficult if a lathe is at hand.

To make the rheostat, turn up a disk, about 3 in. in diameter, from a piece of hard wood, such as oak, maple, or walnut, and form a circular groove in the upper surface, about $\frac{3}{8}$ in. inside of the circumference. The groove is to admit a circular coil of resistance wire, and in making it, be sure to have it the proper size to take the coil snugly. The coil can be of any size, and to make it, resistance wire is wound around a piece of wire used as a mandrel. If the coil is $\frac{1}{4}$ in., or a trifle smaller, in diameter, it will make a good size. Be sure that the depth of the groove is such that it will allow a part of the coils of the resistance wire to project above the surface of the wood disk. The coil of wire should be just long enough to fit in the groove and allow a 1-in. space between the ends, one of which is anchored to the base, at C, the other being attached

to the binding post D. Drill a hole through the center of the disk and fasten a lever, taken from a switch, or one made of a piece of sheet brass, that will extend from the center to the outside of the disk, or over the resistance-wire coil. A small handle is attached to the outer end. A connection is made from the center support of the lever to the binding post E.

The connections for the buzzer and rheostat are made on the under side of the base, where grooves are cut to run the wires in, so that they will be below the surface of the wood. In the diagram, the binding post F is connected to the binding post D of the rheostat, which in turn is connected to the screw of the make-and-break point G. The other binding post H is connected to the bracket B supporting the armature spring. The binding post E of the rheostat is connected to the base binding post J. The magnet coils are connected, as shown, from K to L, and from M to B.

The two pieces of carbon, which are used for the hand pieces, are connected with silk-insulated wire. These connections are made to the binding posts F and H. The other two binding posts, J and L, are connected to a battery. The carbons used may be purchased, or taken from an old battery. Two or more dry cells are used for the current. The rheostat controls the amount of current passing through the hand pieces.—Contributed by Gilbert Crossley, Erie, Pa.

Secret Compartment in Ordinary Table Drawer

It is frequently desired to have some handy place for storing valuables where



Two Positions of the Strip for Holding, or Giving Access to, the Secret Part, and a Hinged Strip

there is but little chance of discovering them. Secret drawers in tables usually require special and expensive changes, but with only a few simple changes on a regular drawer of any ordinary table, a secret compartment can be made which is as secure as can ordinarily be figured on, outside of a steel safe. Having chosen the desired table, a partition should be placed across the entire back part of the drawer, allowing for necessary space in the secret compartment. This partition should resemble the real back of the drawer as closely as it is

possible to make it. The compartment must not be too wide, for the resulting small width of the front part of the drawer might then arouse suspicion. On the lower side of the secret compartment a strip of wood, A, should be attached with a screw, as shown in Fig. 1, allowing sufficient looseness so the strip may be turned end for end when necessary. With the strip set as shown, it will strike the front side B of the table when the drawer is pulled out, leaving the secret compartment still hidden. In order to expose this, it will be necessary to turn the strip, as shown in Fig. 2, when the drawer can be pulled out to its full length.

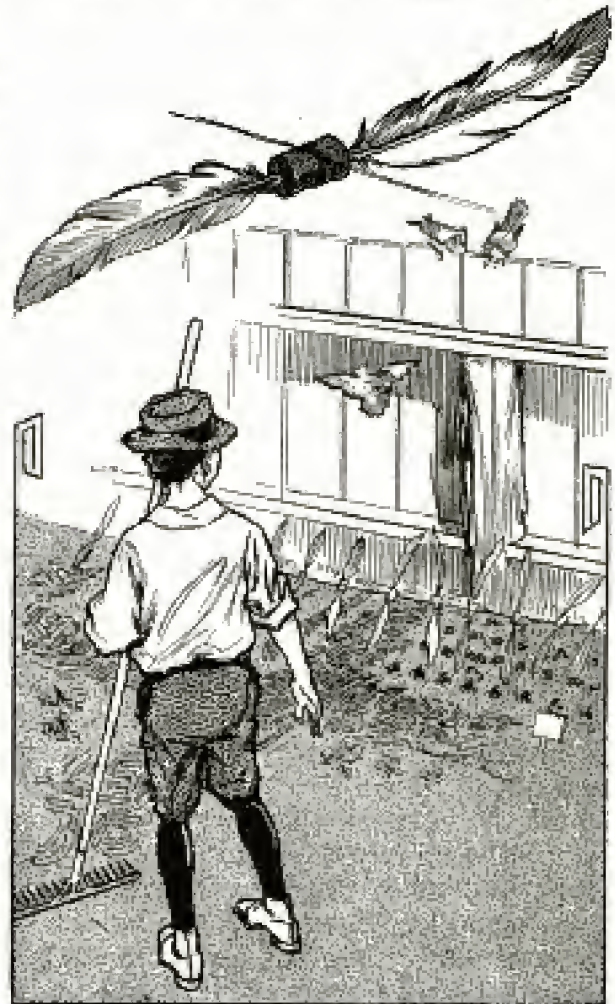
It being necessary that the strip A be as long as the secret compartment is wide, to fully expose this, there may be cases where the drawer is not wide enough to allow the strip A to turn around. In that case the strip can be hinged to the back of the drawer as shown in Fig. 3. When it is hanging down, as shown by the dotted outline, the drawer may be pulled out to its full extent. When it is desired to lock the secret compartment, the hinged strip must be swung up in position, and fastened. An ordinary thumbscrew or eye can be used which, by a turn or two, will either release it or fasten it in place.—Contributed by Paul Durst, Detroit, Mich.

Inflating Handballs

When handballs become "dead," or no longer bounce freely, they may frequently be restored by inflating them with air. This can be done by means of a bulb attached to a hypodermic needle. The needle must be inserted through the soft plug which every inflated ball has, and which can be discovered by pressure. After the ball is inflated and the needle extracted, the soft rubber closes around the fine hole, preventing the escape of the air. If a leak is found, which allows the air to escape too rapidly, a repair can be made with a single-tube tire outfit.—Contributed by A. B. Wegener, Camden, N. J.

A Garden-Bed Scarecrow

A very neat and successful scarecrow for garden beds can be made as follows: A number of corks are pro-



The Fluttering Feathers Attached to the String with Corks Scare the Birds Away

cured, and a feather is stuck in each end of them, as shown. These are tied to a string, spacing them from 1 to 2 ft. apart, and the string is hung over the beds. The slightest breeze will keep them fluttering, and no bird will come to rest on the beds.—Contributed by M. T. Canary, Chicago.

Measuring the Length of Wire Wound on a Spool

When winding magnet spools on a lathe, the exact amount of wire used can be easily determined by means of the device shown in the illustration. The large reel from which the wire is obtained is conveniently placed on a

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Reed Furniture

By Chas. M. Miller

A Reed Basket

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INASMUCH as there is a great demand for reed furniture and since good weavers are comparatively few in number, it would be well to learn the process of reed weaving. The weaving operations can be learned much better through the construction of some small article, such as a basket or jardinière cover. The center is the most difficult part of the basket making, and it is best to begin with wood bottoms, as the whole basket can be kept in a much better form due to the stiffness furnished by such a bottom. It is also an approach to the reed furniture which is woven on framework. The objectionable feature of the wood bottoms is the unfinished appearance of the wood edge showing through, but this can be overcome by the use of the roll shown in the illustration.

While the wood

bottoms have been

used for this class of work for a number of years, the roll is new and is very popular with those who have seen and used it. The roll can be placed in many ways on different-shaped baskets, and other reed pieces, so that it is best to master this piece of work thoroughly before attempting the other, or larger, pieces that will be described later, in other articles.

The description is for a basket 5 in. in diameter and 3 in. high, as shown in the illustration. A disk of wood, $\frac{1}{4}$ in. thick and 5 in. in diameter, is required. Basswood makes the best bottom, but pine, or cedar, will do. Cut a board about 6 in. square, and draw diagonal lines on it intersecting at the center, then draw a circle, 5 in. in diameter, as shown in Fig. 1; also another circle, using the same center, $4\frac{3}{4}$ in. in diameter. Set compass points about $\frac{5}{8}$ in. apart, and step off spaces on the inner

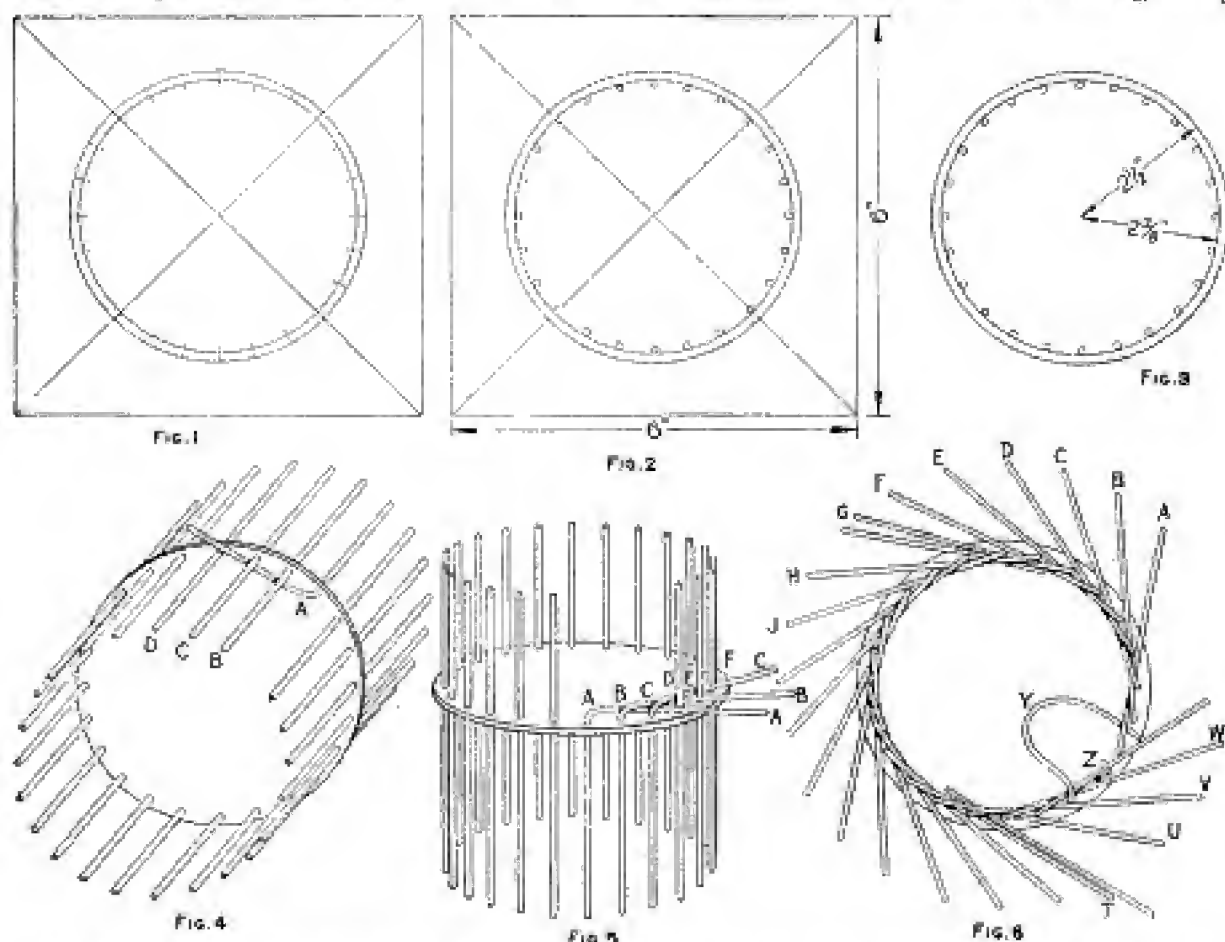


circle to make 24 points. This will have to be tried out more than once, to get the spaces to come out evenly and just have the right number of points. Holes are bored with a $\frac{1}{8}$ -in. bit, just inside of the inner circle, back of the places marked by the compass points, as shown in Fig. 2. Cut the board on the outside circle with a coping, or turn, saw, to make the circle, as in Fig. 3. Do not saw out the circle before boring the holes, as otherwise the disk might split out in places.

The reeds placed vertically are called spokes, and the horizontal ones are the weavers. For the spokes, what is called a No. 4 reed is used. Do not wet the spokes before putting them through the wood. Allow the ends to project about $5\frac{1}{2}$ in. below the bottom, as shown in Fig. 4. Place the bottom, with the spokes, in water, and soak them thoroughly, especially the part below the bottom. About 15 minutes of soaking will be sufficient to make

them pliable enough to bend over at right angles. It will not injure the wood bottom to soak it with the reeds. As shown at A, Figs. 4 and 5, each spoke below the wood bottom is bent down and back of the two nearest spokes, B and C, then out between the third and fourth spokes, C and D, and so on. The last two spokes, Y and Z, Fig. 6, are forced under the spokes A and B, respectively. In this illustration the spoke Y is shown as it is being inserted under the spoke A. When this operation is completed, the bottom will have the appearance of a fireworks pinwheel.

Continue the bending of the spokes, in the same direction, up and across the thickness of the wood in front of three other spokes and behind the fourth, as shown in Fig. 7. This would not cover the edge of the wood entirely, and, for this reason, other short spokes must be inserted in front of each of the first ones before it is brought up



The Bottom is Cut from a Piece of Wood to Give Strength and to Avoid the Most Difficult Part of the Weaving; the Reeds are Attached to the Bottom and Their Lower Ends Bent as Shown

across the edge of the wood. These supplementary spokes should be about 4 in. long. The manner of inserting

a weaver is used up, press it back to the side a little, push in a new reed about $1\frac{1}{2}$ in., and continue the weav-

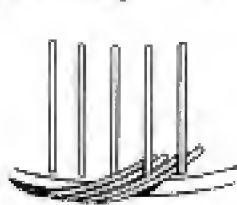


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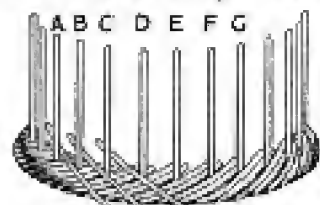


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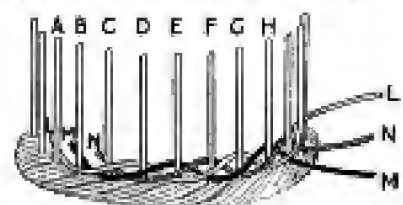


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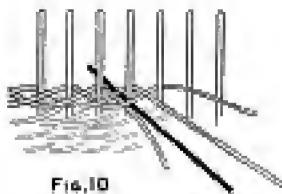


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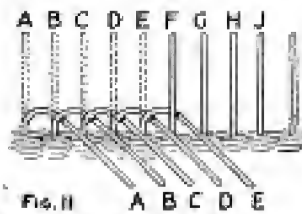


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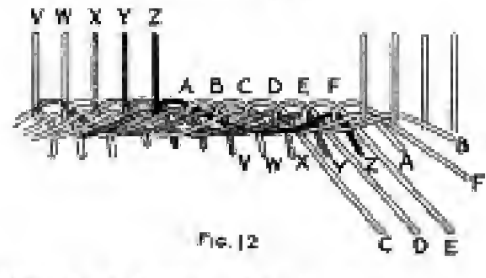


Fig. 12

The Lower Ends of the Spokes are Turned to Cover the Edge of the Bottom, Then the Reeds are Woven into the Upright Spokes to the Right Height, Where They are Broken Down and Woven into a Top Border

these spokes before making the bend is shown at G and T, Fig. 6. The double spokes must be pressed down flat, when brought up in place, without riding one on the other. If the ends are too long and interfere with the next pair, they can be cut off a little with a flat chisel, or knife, being careful not to make them too short, or the pieces will not stay in place. If there is still an open space, an extra, short spoke can be inserted to crowd the pieces together and fill up the space.

When the roll is completed, insert three weavers, of No. 3 reed that has been soaked about 15 minutes, placing them between the spokes A and B, B and C, and C and D, as shown in Fig. 8. Pass weaver L in front of the spokes B and C, then back of D and out between D and E. Weaver M is passed in front of C and D, back of E and out in front of E and F. These operations are clearly shown in Fig. 9. The weaver N is placed in front of D and E, back of F and then in front of G and H. At this point the weaver L is used again. The weaver farthest behind each time is brought in front of the two spokes nearest to it, then behind the third and out in front of the next two spokes. Do not try to use weavers longer than 8 ft., which is about half the length of a reed. When

ing. This is clearly shown in Fig. 10. This weaving is known as the triple weave, which cinches down well and holds tightly. The first round should be carefully worked, so as to get the ends of the roll properly pressed down flat in place. Each throw of the weaver should be well pressed down.

The break-down-tight border is used for the finish at the top. The first operation in making this border is shown in Fig. 11. The spoke A is bent over back of spoke B and out between spokes B and C. The spoke B is bent over back of the spoke C and out between C and D, and so on, until the spoke E is turned down. Then take the end of the spoke A, Fig. 12, and lay it over B, C, D, and E, in front of F, back of G, and out between G and H. The end of spoke F is then brought down, also between G and H, but back of the end of A. The end of B takes a similar leap, passes behind H and out between H and J; then G is brought down behind the end of B, in the same manner as F was brought down back of A. The last four or five spokes are the most difficult to handle, as they must be forced through the first ones to correspond with those already in place. It is best not to pull the ends of A, B, C, and D down too tightly at first, keeping in mind that the last ones

must be inserted under the first ones. The last standing spokes are represented by the full and shaded lines.

If the roll illustrated in Figs. 11 and 12 is too difficult, a simple break-down can be used, such as shown in Fig. 13. To make this finish, spoke A is turned back of spoke B, in front of spoke C and back of spoke D, but not out again. Spoke B is bent back of C, in front of D, and back of E. The others are turned down the same way. The manner in which the two last spokes are turned down and inserted is shown by the double dotted lines.

The remainder of the illustrations show the method of forming a roll between the first and second spokes, where only three spokes are turned down before the throwing-across process begins. The first three spokes turned down are shown in Fig. 14, and the throwing over, in Fig. 15. The second beginning is shown in Fig. 16. The finishing of this top is shown in Figs. 17 and 18. The full, heavy lines represent the final insertions, and the reed must be in quite a sharp loop to make the end enter the right place. It is then drawn down and forced in front of the other reed that passes out between the same spokes.

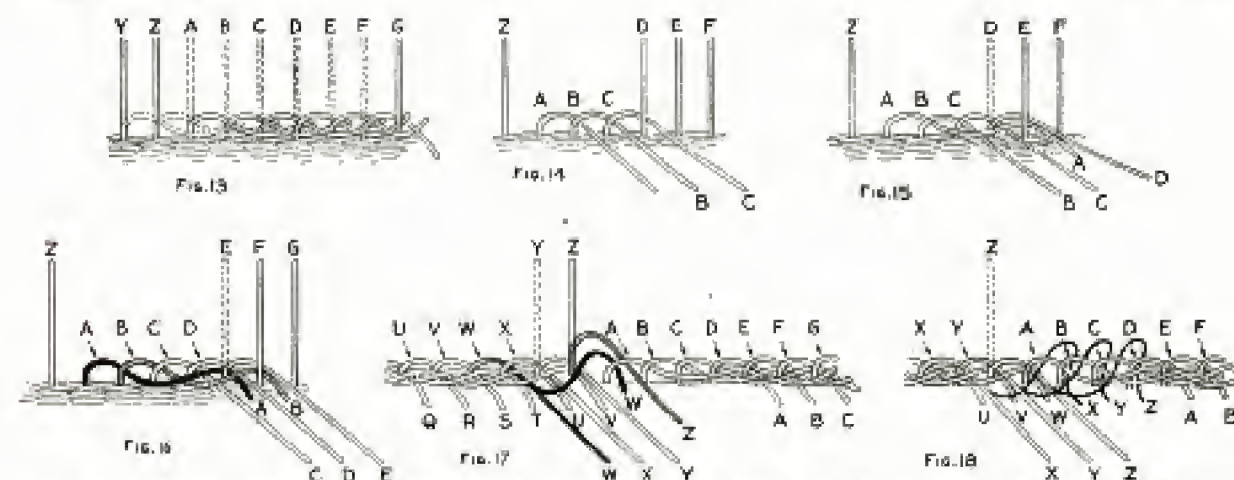
When the basket is dry, the long ends can be cut off close up with a

other, flame that will not smut. If it requires bleaching, brush some chloride of lime, mixed in a little water, over the reeds and set in the sunlight for a short time. It is better to leave the finish a little dark rather than use too much bleaching, as the latter will give an objectionable whitish appearance that looks like a poor job of painting.

In working the reeds, do not leave them in the water longer than necessary, as this will turn them dark. A bleached reed will stand the water much longer than in the natural state. Dampen the reed frequently while weaving it, as the weavers pack down much closer when wet. The dampening process is also required to remedy the drying out caused by whisking the reeds through the air in weaving operations. A great variety of baskets can be made from this form, viz., low, tall, tapering vase forms, bowl shapes, etc., in plain or dark weaves.

Wireless-Lighted Lamp Deception

Window displays of puzzling nature usually draw crowds. A lighted globe lying on its side in full view, yet apparently not connected to any source of electricity, could easily be arranged as a window display, deceiving the closest observer. A mirror, or window glass,



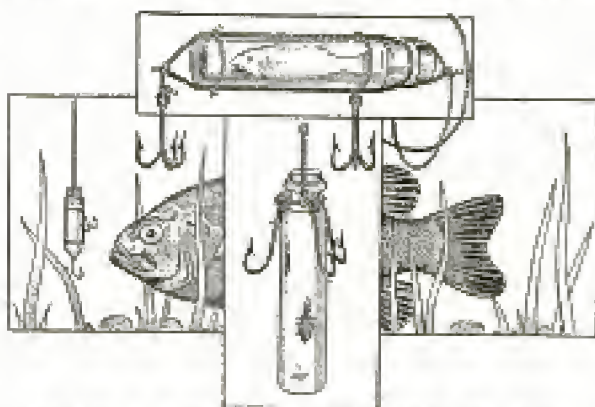
A Simple Break-Down Roll for the Top, Also a Method of Forming a Roll between the First and Second Spokes Where Only Three Spokes are Turned Down Before the Throwing-Across Process Begins

knife, being careful not to cut a weaver. If there are hairy fibers sticking out they can be singed off over a gas, or

backed with some opaque material, should be used for the foundation of the device. For the display lamp, it is

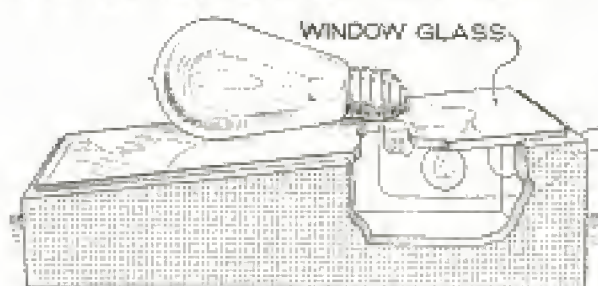
best to use a 25 or 40-watt tungsten, as these will lie flatter on the glass than the larger sizes, and the deception will not be as easily discovered. The place where the brass cap of the lamp touches the glass should be marked and a small hole drilled through to the wire connecting the tungsten filament to the plug on the top of the lamp. At any suitable place, a hole should be drilled in the glass plate, no larger than is necessary, to permit two small cotton-covered magnet wires to pass through. One of the wires should be looped, passed through the hole in the cap and hooked onto the bare wire connecting with the plug on top of lamp. The other wire should be fastened to the brass cap, near the drilled hole, after which the lamp may be placed in position and the two wires connected to a source of electricity. If proper care has been taken and no crosses oc-

notched around the edge to permit water to enter or leave the bottle without losing the bait. If live grasshoppers,



The Bait is Kept Alive and Unharmful in a Bottle Surrounded with Hooks

or similar bait, is desired the cork can be used unnotched to form a water-tight stopper. As illuminated bait for night fishing, several fireflies can be put in the bottle.—Contributed by L. Wahrer, Tiffin, Ohio.



An Electric Globe Lighted on a Piece of Glass Makes a Good Window Attraction

cur, the lamp will light, and if the display is placed in the proper surroundings, it will prove very deceiving. To protect against a fuse blow-out from a short circuit, it is advisable to run another lamp in series with the display lamp, as shown.—Contributed by Clyde W. Epps, Mineola, Tex.

Live Bait Used in Fishing

With the simple device illustrated, no fisherman need worry over running short of bait or even regarding the usual repeated baiting of the hook. A small clear-glass bottle should be procured, and several hooks wired to it about the neck, or at each end, as desired or found best after several trials. After filling the bottle with water a live minnow is placed in it, and the bottle is sealed with a cork, which is

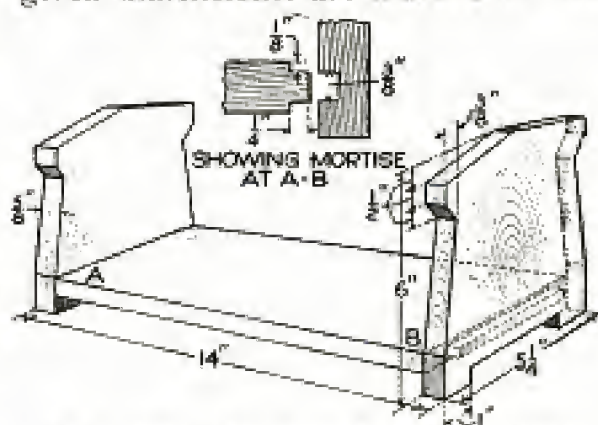
Bookrack

The material necessary for the illustrated bookrack is as follows:

2 end pieces, $\frac{5}{8}$ by $5\frac{1}{4}$ by 6 in.
1 shelf, $\frac{5}{8}$ by $5\frac{1}{4}$ by 13 in.

The shelf is cut rectangular, $5\frac{1}{4}$ in. wide by $14\frac{1}{2}$ in. long. Its two ends should then be provided with tenons $\frac{3}{8}$ in. thick by $4\frac{1}{4}$ in. wide, and extending out $\frac{1}{4}$ inch.

The end pieces, after being cut to the given dimensions, are marked off and



A Bookrack That can be Made in Any Wood to Match Other Furniture

cut out for mortises to fit the shelf tenons.

In assembling the parts, they are

glued in place, and clamped with hand screws until the glue has set. Any of the good mission stains, properly applied, will give a finished appearance to the bookrack.

A Paper Gas Pipe

When one fits up an attic or a back room as a workshop, it is seldom that a gas connection is available on about



CROSS SECTION OF JOINT

The Tube is Run Out Horizontally from the Chandelier to the Wall Where the Drop is Connected

the same level as the workbench so that a Bunsen burner and soldering apparatus may be operated. To install the standard gas pipe, it would be necessary either to alter the chandelier connection or to tear up some of the plaster, the former plan resulting in a rather conspicuous display of pipe and the latter in considerable expense. The following method permits the rolling of a pipe, about the size of a lead pencil, from paper that becomes so stiff that it is almost impossible to crush it between the thumb and fingers. This small inconspicuous pipe may be run directly from the side of the valve on the chandelier to the wall, as shown in the sketch, thence down some corner

formed by a door jamb or window frame, which protects it and renders it almost unnoticeable.

A good grade of tough Manila paper should be procured and cut into strips, about 18 in. long and wide enough to build up a tube at least $\frac{1}{4}$ in. in thickness. This will require from 4 to 6 in., according to the thickness of the paper. A piece of $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. round iron or hard wood, 20 in. long, is procured and carefully oiled or greased. Apply a coat of strong fish glue to one of these pieces of paper, omitting a strip along one edge, about 1 in. wide. Using the outspread fingers of each hand, begin with the unglued edge and roll the paper around the wood. As it is impossible to get the paper uniformly tight with the fingers, select a smooth place on the table and then roll the newly formed tube forward by means of a piece of board, as shown in the illustration. On the return stroke lift the board. In this way it is possible to get a tight, smooth tube. Immediately withdraw the core, twisting it slightly in a reverse direction if it tends to stick. Before using the core again, make sure it is free from glue and regrease it. When a sufficient number of tubes have been made and hardened, neatly trim the ends off squarely, and then form an equal number of short tubes, about 2 in. long, by winding a strip of glued paper on a large wire nail until a diameter is reached that will fit snugly into the pipes already made. The joints may then be set up with strong glue and finally wrapped with two thicknesses of paper on the outside. The construction of these joints is shown in the cross section.

The connection with the chandelier can be made by means of a metal tube soldered in at a point where the regular valve will cut off all connection with the paper piping when it is not in use. This metal tube should be coated with thick shellac, and the paper tube slipped over it for 1 in. or more, after which the joint should be given several additional coats on the outside. A small regulating gas cock can be

attached to the lower end of the piping, and if this is rigidly fastened to the wall, or casing, the connecting and disconnecting of the rubber tubing will not disturb the piping in any way.—Contributed by John D. Adams.

Rubbing Slats for a Washing Board

In an emergency, and to substitute something for a broken glass rubbing plate on an ordinary washing board, I fitted a series of $\frac{3}{8}$ -in. dowels horizontally across the board, closely together. This proved to be better than glass or zinc, as fabrics adhered to the wood dowels and caused them to revolve, making a more desirable rubbing surface and accomplishing the work of loosening the dirt in the fabric with far less effort than that necessary on the metal or glass board.—Contributed by H. M. Spamer, Vineland, N. J.

Catching Bugs Attracted by Light

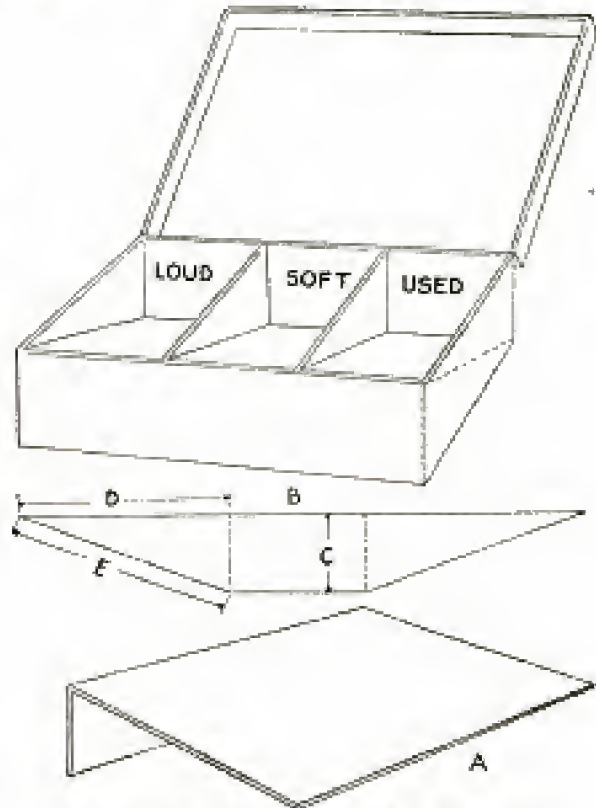
Bugs, moths, and insects attracted by lights on summer evenings can be caught by means of sticky fly paper, suspended as shades around the lamps. Cuts in the shade allow the greater portion of the light to pass through and attract the bugs, which will surely be caught as they travel about the light onto the sticky paper. It is advisable to make two shades at the same time from a double sheet of the sticky paper, pasted, as when bought, with the sticky faces together so that the shades may be cut and handled easier.—Contributed by John J. Kolar, Maywood, Illinois.



Oilcans should be marked to indicate the kind of oil in them.

Needle Box for Talking Machines

An empty cigarette box can be easily changed to a useful container for talking-machine needles, as shown in the



Three Compartments are Provided with Sloping Bottoms in a Neat Box for the Needles

sketch. Take a fairly heavy card, trim it to the same length as the box, then bend and crease it, as shown at A, and glue the short, upright side to the inside of the box. Cut another card to the shape B, so that the depth C equals the inside depth of the box, and the side D is as long as its width. The side E should equal the inclined length of the card A, and is glued upon it when B is in position. The three compartments may be suitably labeled as indicated.—Contributed by V. A. Rettich, New York, N. Y.

Trick of Taking Dollar Bill from Apple

A rather pleasing, yet puzzling, deception is to pass a dollar bill into the interior of an examined lemon or apple. This can be accomplished in several ways, either mechanically or purely by sleight of hand. The mechanical

method, of course, is the easier and really just as effective. In performing, a plate with three apples is first ex-



hibited, and the audience is given choice of any one for use in the experiment. The selected one is tossed out for examination and then returned to the performer, who places it in full view of the spectators while he makes the dollar bill vanish. Taking the knife he cuts the apple into two pieces, requesting the audience to select one of them. Squeezing this piece he extracts the dollar bill therefrom. The entire secret is in the unsuspected article—the table knife.

The knife is prepared by boring out the wooden handle to make it hollow. Enough space must be made to hold a dollar bill. The knife lies on the plate with the fruit, the open end facing the performer. After the bill has been made to vanish and the examined apple returned to the entertainer, he takes it and cuts it in half. One of the halves is chosen, the performer impaling it on the end of the knife blade and holding it out to view. While still holding the knife he turns the blade downward and

grasps the half apple and crushes it with a slight pass toward the knife-handle end where the bill is grasped along with the apple, which makes a perfect illusion of taking the bill out of the apple.

As to the disappearance of the dollar bill, there are many ways in which this may be accomplished. Perhaps the method requiring the least practice is to place the bill in the trousers pocket, and then show the audience that the latter is empty. This can be done by rolling the bill to small compass, and pushing it into the extreme upper corner of the pocket where it will remain undetected while the pocket is pulled out for inspection. Other combinations can be arranged with the use of the knife, which is simple to make and very inexpensive.

Guide for Making Buttonholes

It is almost impossible to make a perfect buttonhole in the ordinary manner by hand without a guide. The illustration shows a very simple guide that can be easily made by anyone. Procure two pieces of tin, or sheet brass, cut them as shown, and drill holes in them large enough for a needle, so that it will be easy to fasten them to the cloth with basting thread. Cut the buttonhole slot, then punch a hole at the end with an ordinary belt punch. Such a punch can be purchased from a local hardware dealer in any size. In making the buttonhole stitch, keep the



The Form of the Buttonhole is Cut in the Edges of the Two Pieces of Metal

needle close against the metal edge of the guide, as shown.—Contributed by A. L. Kerbaugh, Allentown, Pa.

ⒸAn easy way to put varnish in the grooves of a tennis racket is to use a medicine dropper.

Fishing-Rod Making and Angling

BY STILLMAN TAYLOR

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PART II—Various Two and Three-Piece Rods

WHILE the action of the one-piece rod is undeniably better than when the rod is made in two or three pieces, it is less compact to carry. To make a 5-ft. two-piece bait-casting rod, the same dimensions as given for the one-piece rod will make a very fine fishing tool. It is well to make two tips in view of a possible breakage. The rod may consist of two pieces of equal length, but a rod of better action is secured by making the butt section somewhat shorter with a relatively longer tip. By making the butt section about 23 in. long, exclusive of ferrule and butt cap, and the

are added. The material list is as follows, the attachments being made of german silver: Dagame or greenheart butt, $\frac{5}{8}$ in. by 3 ft. long; two tips $\frac{3}{8}$ in. by 3 ft. long; one $\frac{3}{4}$ -in. reel seat with straight hood; one 1-in. butt cap; one taper, $1\frac{1}{32}$ in. at the small end; two $\frac{3}{32}$ -in. offset agate tops; two $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. narrow agate guides; two No. 1 size one-



tip section $32\frac{1}{2}$ in. long, a splendid little rod is obtained which will fit any of the regulation rod cases of 35-in. length. To make a $6\frac{1}{2}$ -oz. rod of this kind with a cork hand grasp, caliper it in the same manner as the one-piece rod, making the butt section $32\frac{1}{2}$ in. long, tapering from $1\frac{1}{32}$ in. at the upper end of the hand grasp to $1\frac{1}{64}$ in. at the ferrule. The tip is made 33 in. long, tapering from $1\frac{1}{64}$ in. to $\frac{7}{64}$ in. By making the tip and butt to these lengths, both parts will be of equal length when the ferrules and the tops

ring casting guides; one $1\frac{7}{64}$ -in. welled and shouldered ferrule, with two closed-end centers, one for each tip; two dozen cork washers, $1\frac{1}{4}$ in. in diameter, and two spools of winding silk.

The three-piece rod should be made up to 6 ft. in length to secure the best action, but even if so made, the use of

the extra ferrules makes the rod less resilient and elastic than the rod of one or two-piece construction. The best action is obtained only when the rod bends to a uniform curve, and since the ferrules cannot conform to this curve, or arc, the more joints incorporated in a rod, the less satisfactory it will be from an angling standpoint.

The Making of a Rod Not Only Affords Much Pleasure, but the Rod can be Constructed as Desired

Convenience in packing and carrying are the sole merits which the many-jointed rod possesses. Complete specifications for making a three-piece bait-casting rod, together with a material list, is as follows: A rod, about $5\frac{1}{2}$ ft. long with a single or double hand grasp made of cork, will weigh about 7 oz. Caliper the butt so that it will taper from $1\frac{5}{32}$ in. to $1\frac{1}{32}$ in. at the cap of the ferrule, making it $21\frac{1}{2}$ in. long. The middle joint is tapered from $2\frac{1}{64}$ in. to $1\frac{5}{64}$ in., and is $21\frac{3}{4}$ in. long. The tips are 21 in. long and are tapered from $1\frac{3}{64}$ in. to $\frac{7}{64}$ in. Dagame or greenheart is used for the butt, joint, and tips, and german silver for the fittings. All pieces are 2 ft. long, the butt is $\frac{5}{8}$ in., the joint and tips, $\frac{3}{8}$ in. One $\frac{3}{4}$ -in. reel seat with straight hood; one 1-in. butt cap; one taper, small end $1\frac{5}{32}$ in.; one $2\frac{1}{64}$ -in. welted and shouldered ferrule; one $1\frac{5}{64}$ -in. welted and shouldered ferrule with two closed-end centers, one for each tip; two $\frac{3}{32}$ -in. offset agate tops; two $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. narrow agate guides; two No. 1 size one-ring casting guides; two dozen cork washers, and winding silk, size 00 or 0.

Fly Rods for Trout and Bass

Having made a good bait-casting rod, the amateur will find little trouble in making a rod with a number of joints, and no special instructions need be given, since the work of planing and smoothing up the wood, and finishing and mounting the rod, is the same as has been described in detail before. For fly fishing for trout, accuracy and delicacy are of more importance than length of cast, and the rod best suited to this phase of angling differs greatly from that used in bait casting. A stiff, heavy rod is entirely unsuited for fly casting, and while it is, of course, possible to make a rod too willowy for the sport, the amateur, working by rule of thumb, is more likely to err on the other side and make the fly rods of too stout a caliber. The idea is simply to help the amateur over the hard part by giving a list of dimensions of a representative trout and a bass fly rod. To make a 9-ft. trout fly rod, with a

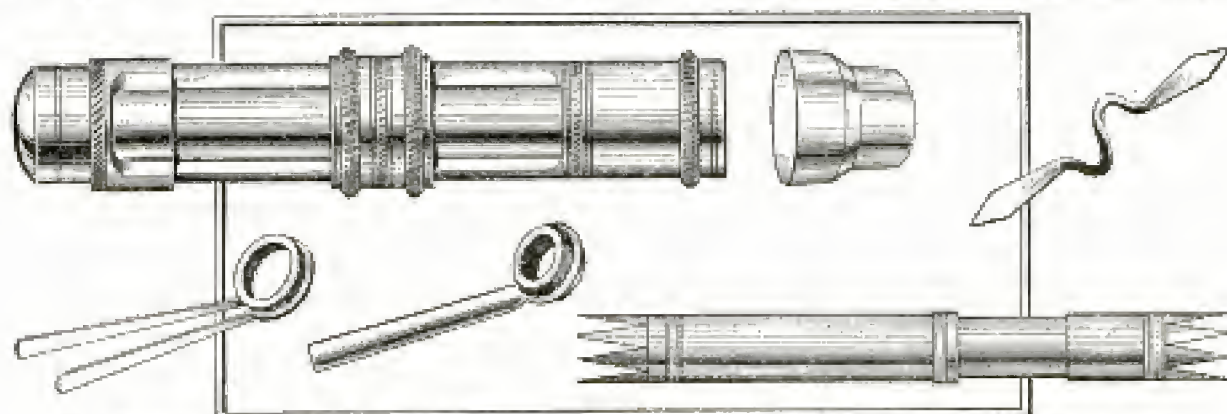
cork grasp having a length of 9 in. above the reel seat, caliper the material as follows: The butt is tapered from $\frac{7}{16}$ in. to $2\frac{5}{64}$ in. at 1 ft. from the butt end; $1\frac{1}{2}$ ft., $1\frac{1}{32}$ in.; 2 ft., $2\frac{1}{64}$ in.; $2\frac{1}{2}$ ft., $\frac{5}{16}$ in., and 3 ft., $1\frac{9}{64}$ in. The first 6 in. of the middle joint is calipered to $\frac{3}{32}$ in.; 1 ft., $1\frac{7}{64}$ in.; $1\frac{1}{2}$ ft., $1\frac{5}{64}$ in.; 2 ft., $\frac{7}{32}$ in.; $2\frac{1}{2}$ ft., $1\frac{3}{64}$ in., and 3 ft., $\frac{3}{16}$ in. The first 6 in. of the tips are calipered to $1\frac{1}{64}$ in.; 1 ft., $\frac{5}{32}$ in.; $1\frac{1}{2}$ ft., $\frac{1}{8}$ in.; 2 ft., $\frac{7}{64}$ in.; $2\frac{1}{2}$ ft., $\frac{3}{32}$ in., and 3 ft., $\frac{5}{64}$ in. All joints are made $36\frac{1}{2}$ in. long. The material used is dagame, or greenheart, the butt being $\frac{5}{8}$ in. by 4 ft., the joint $\frac{3}{8}$ in. by 4 ft., and the tips $\frac{3}{8}$ in. by 4 ft. The attachments, of german silver, are: One $\frac{3}{4}$ -in. reel seat, fly-rod type with butt cap; one taper, $2\frac{3}{64}$ in. at the small end; one $\frac{3}{32}$ -in. welted and shouldered ferrule; one $1\frac{1}{64}$ -in. welted and shouldered ferrule with two closed-end centers, one for each tip; two No. 4 snake guides for the butt joint; three No. 3 snake guides for the middle joint, and six No. 2 snake guides, three for each tip section; two No. 7 agate angle fly tops, the kind to wind on; one dozen cork washers, and two 10-yd. spools of winding silk, 00 size.

A bass fly rod $9\frac{1}{2}$ ft. long, weighing $1\frac{1}{2}$ oz., with a cork grasp, $9\frac{1}{2}$ in. above the reel seat, is calipered as follows: The butt is tapered from $1\frac{3}{32}$ in. to $2\frac{5}{64}$ in. 1 ft. from the end; $1\frac{1}{2}$ ft. from butt, $2\frac{3}{64}$ in.; 2 ft., $1\frac{1}{32}$ in.; $2\frac{1}{2}$ ft., $2\frac{1}{64}$ in., and 3 ft., $1\frac{9}{64}$ in. The first 6 in. of the middle joint is $1\frac{9}{64}$ in.; 1 ft., $\frac{9}{32}$ in.; $1\frac{1}{2}$ ft., $1\frac{7}{64}$ in.; 2 ft., $1\frac{5}{64}$ in.; $2\frac{1}{2}$ ft., $\frac{7}{32}$ in., and 3 ft., $1\frac{3}{64}$ in. The first 6 in. of the tips, $1\frac{1}{64}$ in.; 1 ft., $\frac{5}{32}$ in.; $1\frac{1}{2}$ ft., $\frac{3}{64}$ in.; 2 ft., $\frac{1}{8}$ in.; $2\frac{1}{2}$ ft., $\frac{7}{64}$ in., and 3 ft., $\frac{5}{64}$ in. The joints are $36\frac{1}{2}$ in. long. The mountings are the same as for the trout fly rod. Dagame, or greenheart, wood is used, the butt being $\frac{5}{8}$ in. by 4 ft., the joint $\frac{3}{8}$ in. by 4 ft. and the tips $\frac{3}{8}$ in. by 4 feet.

The two-piece salt-water rod with an 18-in. double cork hand grasp, the whole being $6\frac{1}{2}$ ft. long, is made to weigh about 13 oz., with the following caliperings: A uniform taper of $2\frac{5}{64}$ in. to $2\frac{9}{64}$ in., from the cork grasp to

the ferrule, is given to the butt. The first 6 in. of the tips is $1\frac{3}{32}$ in.; 1 ft., $\frac{25}{64}$ in.; $1\frac{1}{2}$ ft., $1\frac{1}{32}$ in.; 2 ft., $\frac{21}{64}$ in.; $2\frac{1}{2}$ ft., $\frac{9}{32}$ in., and to tip, $\frac{15}{64}$ in. The

etted in place, and a soft-pine sleeve is fitted over the wood core and the ferrule. The forward end of the sleeve is, of course, tapered to fit the taper



The Mountings for a Fly Rod Consist of a Reel Seat with a Straight Hood, a Taper, Snake Guide, Agate Angle Top, and Serrated Ferrule. The Toothed Ends are Wound with Silk to Afford Additional Strength

joints are made $36\frac{3}{4}$ in. long. Dagame, or greenheart, is used with german-silver mountings. Both pieces of wood are 4 ft. long, the butt being of $\frac{3}{4}$ -in. and the tip of $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. material. One $\frac{7}{8}$ -in. reel seat with straight hood, one 1-in. butt cap, one $\frac{7}{16}$ -in. ferrule, one taper with small end $\frac{25}{64}$ in.; one $1\frac{10}{32}$ -in. stirrup-tube agate top; two No. 3 bell guides; two dozen cork washers, and two spools, size A, winding silk.

The Independent-Butt Rod

The independent-butt rod, in which the hand grasp contains the ferrule and the tip is made in one piece, is a favorite type with many of the best fishermen. This mode of construction may be used with all classes of rods, the light fly and bait-casting rods, and the heavier caliber rods used in salt-water angling. In rods of this type, it is only necessary to use the same size ferrule to make as many tips as desired to fit the one butt. Tips of several calibers and weights may thus be fashioned to fit the one butt, and if the single-piece tip is too long for some special use, one tip may be made a jointed one for ease in carrying.

The independent butt, or hand grasp, is made by fitting the ferrule directly on a length of dagame, or greenheart, which has been rounded so that the seated ferrule will not touch the wood. The ferrule is then cemented and riv-

etted in place, and when properly fitted, its lower end will project about $\frac{1}{4}$ in. beyond the pine sleeve. Glue the sleeve on this wood core, cement the reel seat to the sleeve, and rivet the reel seat in place.

The cork washers are glued in position, working the first one into the metal edge of the reel seat, to make a nice, tight joint at this point. The other corks are then glued in place until the hand grasp is of the desired length. The projecting end of the wood core is then cut off flush with the last cork, and the rod is mounted in the usual manner.

In making a double hand grasp, the forward grasp may be fitted over the wood core in the fashion already described in making the hand grasp for the one-piece bait-casting rod, or the forward grasp may be fitted to the tip, just above the ferrule, as preferred. Both methods are commonly used, the only difference being in the manner of finishing up the forward grasp. If the forward grip is affixed to the ferruled end of the tip, two tapered thimbles will be required to make a nice finish.

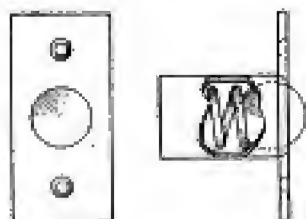
The heavy-surf, or tarpon, rod is made up of an independent, detachable butt, 20 in. long, having a solid-cork or cord-wound hand grasp, and a one-piece tip, $5\frac{1}{2}$ ft. long, altogether weighing $23\frac{1}{2}$ oz. It is uniformly calibered to taper from $\frac{29}{32}$ in. to $\frac{5}{16}$ in. One

piece of dagame, or greenheart, 1 in. by 6½ ft., will be required. One 1-in. reel seat for detachable butt, including one ¾-in. male ferrule; one 1½-in. butt cap; two No. 11 wide, raised agate guides; two No. 1 trumpet guides; one ¾-in. agate stirrup top; two spools of winding silk, A-size, and two dozen cork washers, or sufficient fishline to

cord the butt. The guides are whipped on double, the first set spaced 10 in. from the top, and the second, 26 in. from the reel. The core of the independent, or detachable, butt is constructed of the same material as the rod, which makes the hand grasp somewhat elastic and very much superior to a stiff and rigid butt.

Homemade Ball Catch for Cabinet Doors

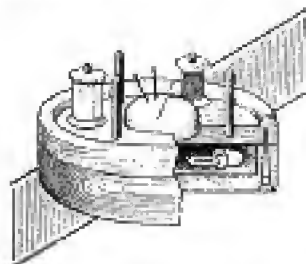
To make a ball catch, procure a piece of brass, 1 in. long, ½ in. wide, and about ⅛ in. thick, and an old gas burner having a diameter of ⅜ in. As described by Work, London, the threaded part of the burner is cut off,



which forms a contracted end that will hold a steel ball ⅝ in. in diameter and allow it to project ⅛ in. A hole is drilled in the center of the brass plate, and the barrel soldered in place. A piece of spiral spring is inserted behind the ball. The stiffness of the spring will depend on the use of the catch. The barrel is cut to length and plugged. Another plate of brass is fitted with screw holes and a hole in the center to receive the projecting ball part, for the strike.

Combination Needle and Thread Tray

When any attempt is made to keep sewing material, such as needles, spools, or buttons, separate, each of the articles is usually kept in some special drawer, or by itself, and when necessary to use one, the others must be found, frequently necessitating many extra steps or much lost time in hunting up the various articles. The



illustrated combination tray avoids this difficulty. It consists of two round trays fastened together near one edge with a wood screw, which is loosely fitted in the lower tray but screwed into the upper to permit them being swung apart. Extra thickness and weight should be given the bottom piece so no tipping will result when the top is swung out to expose the buttons in the lower section. The thread spools are placed on pegs set in the upper tray, and the cushion in the center is provided for the pins and needles.—Contributed by J. Harger, Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands.

Repairing Worn Escapement Wheel of a Clock

When the ordinary clock has served its usefulness and is apparently worn out, the jeweler's price to overhaul it frequently amounts to almost as much as the original purchase price. One weak place in the clock is the escapement wheel. The points soon wear down, thereby producing a greater escapement and pendulum movement, resulting in an increased strain and wear of the clock. If the tips of the teeth on the wheel are bent up slightly with a pair of pliers, the swing of the pendulum will be reduced, thereby increasing the life of the clock. Many of the grandfather's clocks can be put in order in this manner so as to serve as a timepiece as well as a cherished ornament.—Contributed by C. F. Spaulding, Chicago, Ill.

Ⓐ piece of work should never be fingered while filing it in a lathe.

An Old-Oak Stain

To make old oak of ash, elm, box alder, chestnut, maple, yew, and sycamore wood use a solution of copper acetate, or iron acetate. Either of these can be made by allowing a strong acid to come in contact with copper or iron. Acetic acid, or vinegar, will do for the acid. The chemical can be obtained from a local druggist if it is not desired to make the stain. By varying the strength of the solution, several shades may be obtained. A weak solution of iron acetate gives various brown hues. As the strength of the salt increases by concentration, the shades of brown darken.

Tablespoon End Used as Lemon Squeezer

In an emergency, the ordinary tablespoon can be used as a lemon squeezer by turning the lemon around the end



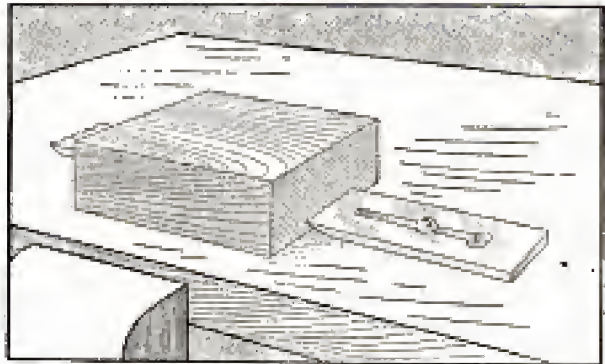
The Shape of the Spoon Bowl Produces the Same Effect as the Lemon Squeezer

of the spoon. This produces the same result as obtained with the regular squeezers, which act on the principle of extracting the juice by turning and crushing the lemon over a rough projection which approximately matches the shape of a half lemon.—Contributed by L. E. Turner, New York, N. Y.

A Back Stop for a Workbench

In planing small pieces on a bench, they usually have a tendency to tip up or slide around. This difficulty can be easily overcome by providing the bench with an extra back stop. For this purpose a discarded plane iron will do very

well. Its edge should be notched so that it will easily enter the wood. The edges of its central slot should be

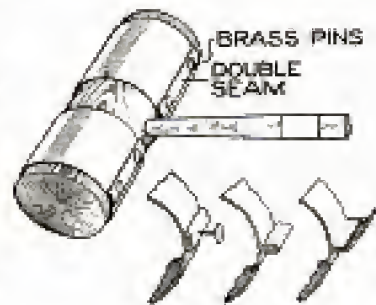


A Plane Bit Fastened to the Top of a Bench to Hold Blocks While Planing Them

beveled off, if an ordinary wood screw is used to fasten it to the bench. A series of holes, several inches apart and in line with the regular back stop, should be bored in the bench so the screw and iron can be readily changed, to fit varying lengths.—Contributed by C. S. Rice, Washington, D. C.

Croquet Mallets Protected by Metal Rings

Due to the severe service they are subjected to, croquet mallets very frequently split off at the ends, which spoils them for further use in accurate driving. To prevent this, metal



bands may be placed around the ends of the mallets. Thin sheet iron, or tin, can be used for this purpose. One end is bent up at right angles, the opposite end is provided with a loop to fit over the upright portion of the first end, and then the loop is closed up and hammered down to draw the metal tightly around the mallet. The ring is secured in place with several tacks, or short nails, driven through the seam.—Contributed by H. E. Stratmeyer, Rockville, Md.

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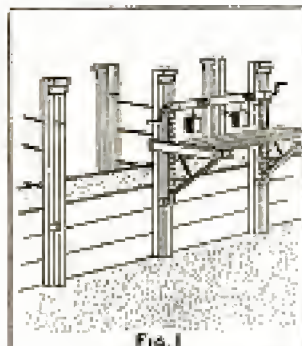


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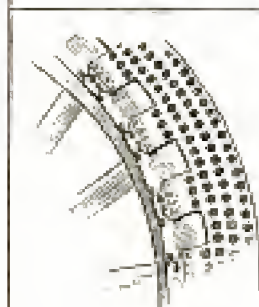


FIG. 3



FIG. 5



FIG. 7



FIG. 9

MOVABLE FORM AND PLATFORM FOR CONCRETE WORK (Fig. 1)—The idea of this invention is to use the same form material repeatedly as well as to provide a working platform that can be raised as required. The studs for holding the planks in place are faced with toothed metal strips on which the brace of the movable platform rests, the inner side of the platform being suspended by ropes from the windlass and attached to the strips that slide on the sides of the studs. The platform is gradually raised to the tops of the studs as the work progresses, when the studs and planks are moved to a higher level. This process is repeated until the work is finished.

DIRIGIBLE HEADLIGHT FOR TROLLEY CAR (Fig. 2)—The headlight is supported on a vertical pivot and is connected with the front of the car truck by a series of levers. With this arrangement the headlight points straight ahead on straight track, but turns on its pivot and illuminates the track when the car is rounding a curve.

DETACHABLE COVER FOR PNEUMATIC TIRE (Fig. 3)—This cover consists of a leather tread strip equipped with tongues, on the ends of which are fasteners, as shown. The tongues are simply wrapped around the tire and fastened on the inner side, holding the tread securely in place.

OVERFLOW ALARM FOR REFRIGERATOR DRIP PAN (Fig. 4)—This device consists of an electric bell actuated by a float. When the water reaches a level near the top of the pan the electric circuit is closed and the bell is set ringing.

COMBINED CHAIR AND WALKING STICK (Fig. 5; British patent to a German)—This walking stick consists of a hollow staff with a collar to which are attached pivoted arms. Ordinarily these arms are folded compactly against the staff. When they are opened out, one arm serves as a chair leg, while between the other arm and the staff is supported a belt which may be used as a seat. The staff is made hollow so as to form a receptacle for an umbrella.

SUPPORT FOR WINDOW SHADE AND CURTAIN POLE (Fig. 6)—The feature about this device, which has attachments for carrying a window-shade roller and a curtain pole, is that it is simply suspended by hooks from the top of the window casing. The lower end of the device has two buffers which bear against the face of the window casing.

DEVICE FOR PICKING COTTON (Fig. 7)—This receptacle is made to fit closely around the wrist, but flares outward around the hand to form a pocket into which the cotton is thrust by the fingers as it is picked. The upper portion is cut away to permit free movement of the hand.

FOUNTAIN TOOTHBRUSH (Fig. 8)—The handle of this brush consists of an elliptical frame in which a bulb containing a cleansing liquid is mounted. Pressure on the bulb forces the liquid through an aperture into the brush. The handle portion is unscrewed from the brush when the bulb is to be filled.

MOUTHPIECE FOR CIGARS (Fig. 9)—This device consists of a pair of hinged jaws which are shaped to conform to the contour of the tip of the cigar. The portion adjacent to the hinge is so shaped that the device is easily and securely held between the teeth.

NOVEL PROPELLER FOR BOAT (Fig. 10)—The propelling blade is eccentrically mounted on a wheel so that it is submerged on the outward stroke and is lifted clear of the water as it is drawn toward the boat. The wheel is chain-driven, and the working of the blade is controlled by a system of levers, as shown.

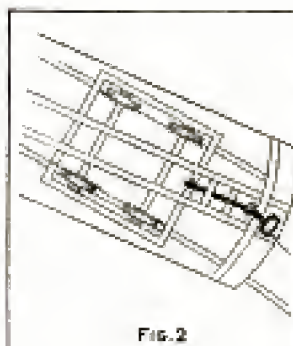


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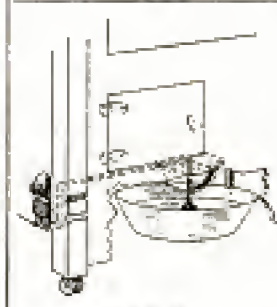


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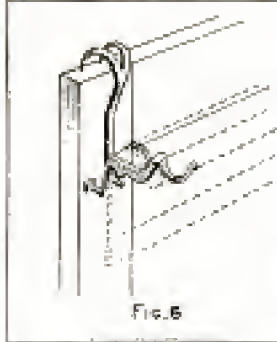


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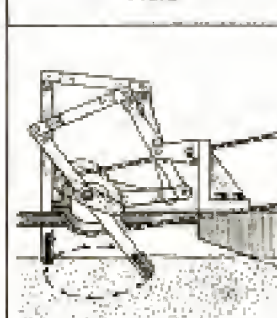


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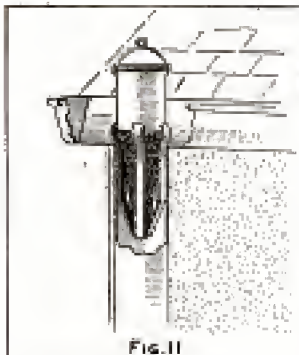


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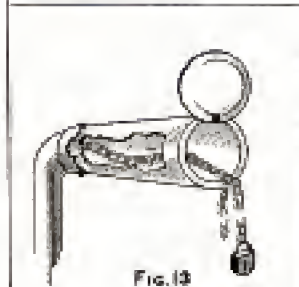


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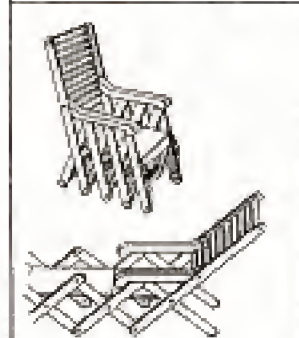


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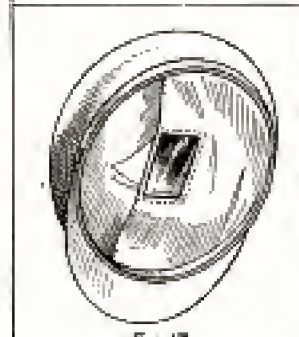


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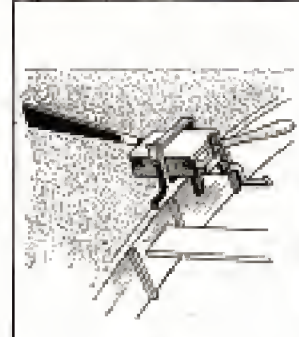


Fig. 19

DEVICE FOR PREVENTING FREEZING OF DRAIN PIPES (Fig. 11)—This device consists of a container made of open work and placed in the top of a vertical pipe. The container is filled with rock salt, which prevents the water from freezing as it passes through. Ordinarily the container requires filling only at the beginning of the winter.

FRUIT PICKER (Fig. 12)—With this picker the fruit is detached by the movable jaws and then dropped automatically through the tube into the basket. The jaws are normally held apart by a spring and are brought together to engage the fruit by means of a cord, the lower end of which is held in the user's hand. The jaws are made of flexible material to prevent injury to the fruit.

LOCKING ATTACHMENT FOR UMBRELLAS AND CANES (Fig. 13)—The handle of the umbrella, or cane, contains a cavity in which a chain and lock can be housed, one end of the chain being attached to a pin within the handle. When the cavity is closed by the pivoted disk, the handle has the appearance of an ordinary handle. With the disk turned out of the way, the free end of the chain can be drawn out and the handle securely locked to any convenient object.

VARIABLE-SPEED TRANSMISSION FOR MOTOR CARS (Fig. 14)—The driven member consists of a disk, on the face of which are three concentric rows of teeth. The oscillating shaft may be shifted from one row of teeth to the other for varying the speed, or may be shifted to the opposite side of the disk for reversing the car. The oscillation of the shaft is made possible by the pivoted arrangement of beveled gears.

COMBINATION CHAIR AND BED (Fig. 15; American patent to a Canadian)—The sides of the chair consist of diagonal side bars, pivotally connected as shown, and so arranged that the chair may be drawn out to form a bed. The seat is supported by longitudinal bars which slide on each other when the chair is drawn out to the extended position.

WHEEL ATTACHMENT FOR SLED (Fig. 16)—The rear wheels are rigidly attached to the runners, while the front wheels are mounted in pivoted yokes to permit of steering. Each of the front wheels is connected by a rod with the steering apparatus.

CAP EQUIPPED WITH MIRROR (Fig. 17)—This curious invention consists of a cap, mirror and receptacle for small articles, combined in one. The mirror is attached to the lining, while the pocket between the mirror and the crown is utilized as a receptacle.

LANDING LADDER FOR SHIP (Fig. 18)—This device is evidently intended to provide a safe means for boarding, or leaving, a ship lying alongside a wharf. A ladder reaching to the wharf is suspended from the outer ends of the horizontal arms, while the space between the arms is floored to provide access between the ladder and the ship.

DOUBLE-ACTION OAR (Fig. 19)—With this device the oarsman faces toward the bow of the boat. The principal feature is the pedal by which the foot as well as the hand is used in operating the oar and propelling the boat. The casing containing the mechanism is pivoted to its supports and swings to lift the oar clear of the water at each return stroke.

NOVEL BOAT-PROPELLING DEVICE (Fig. 20)—This device is designed to produce a high rate of flow through Venturi tubes carried in a submerged position at the sides of the boat, and to use the force of the flow for propelling the boat. It consists of a pipe ring placed around the restricted part of the tube and provided with orifices that project into the tube and point in a rearward direction. Through the pipe ring any gaseous medium is pumped, with the result that the water is forcibly ejected from the Venturi tube. The impact of this stream against the supporting body of water propels the boat forward.

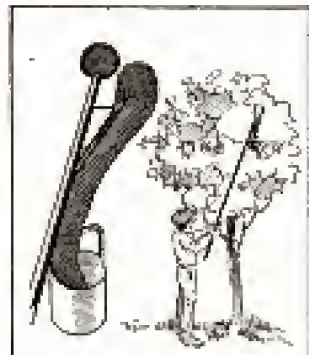


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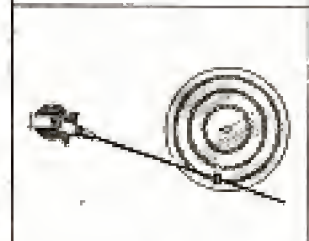


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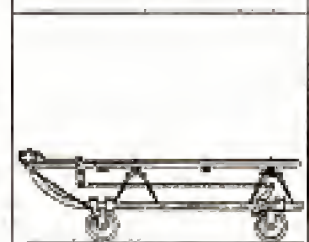


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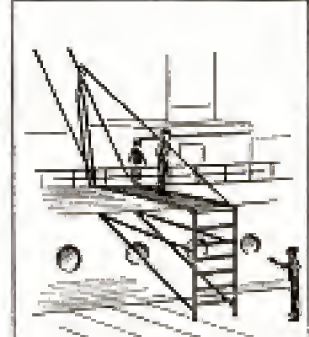


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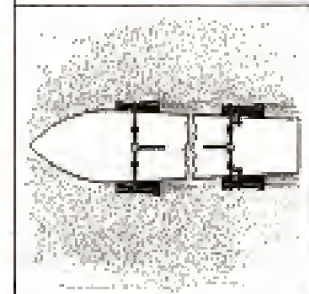
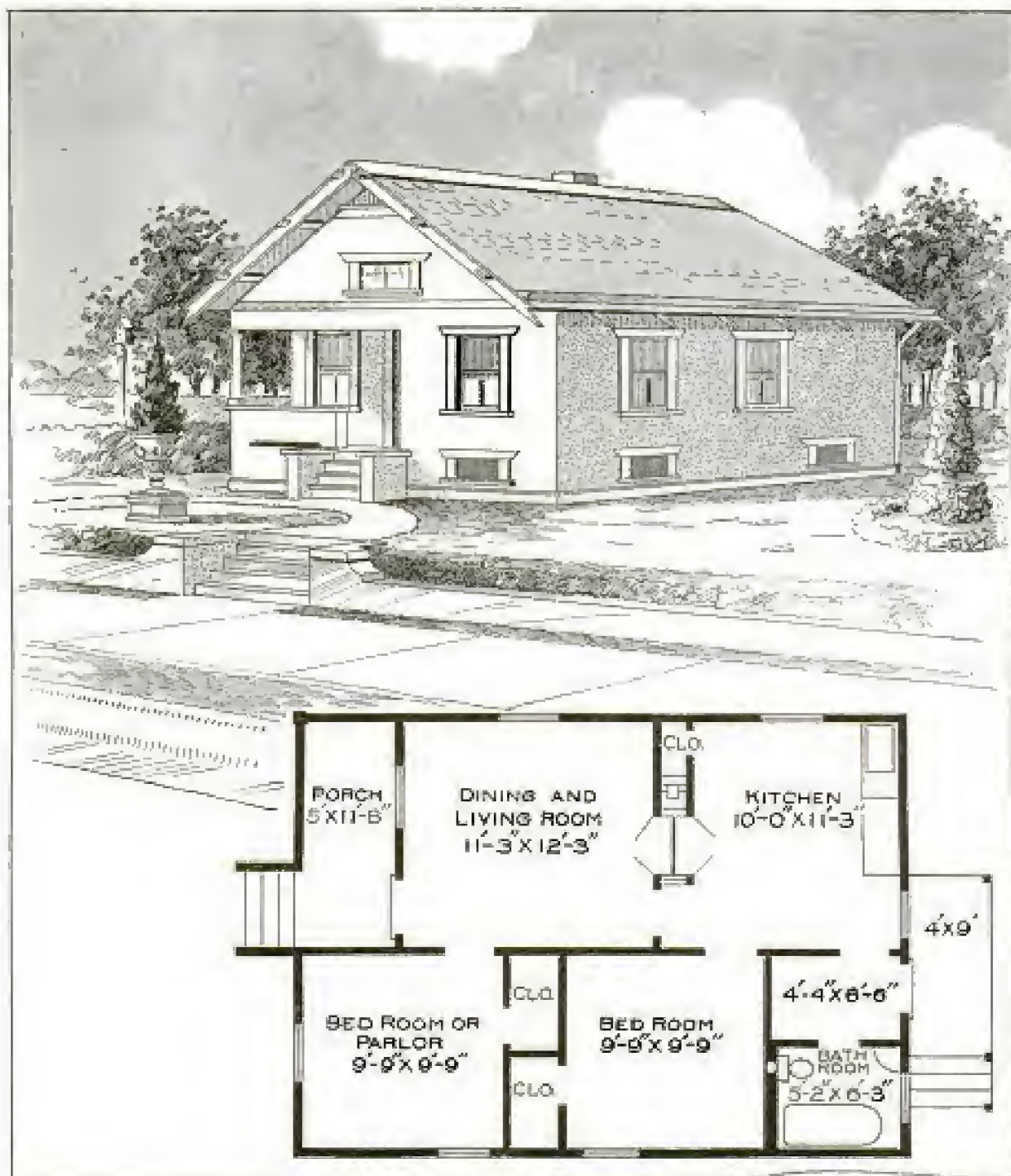


Fig. 20

FOUR-ROOM COTTAGE BUILT AT SMALL COST



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THIS compact cottage, containing four rooms and bath, is estimated to cost only \$1,000, and has been designed with the idea of providing, at the least possible cost, a well arranged and practical cottage, equipped with modern conveniences. It is especially adapted to use as a tenant's cottage on a farm, or for construction on a suburban lot where the owner is compelled to build as cheaply as possible. The house is of wood construction with plastered walls, either shiplap or clapboards being used for exterior covering. The space is so carefully utilized that in spite of the small ground plan, 22 by 30 ft., each of the rooms is of ample size. There is a fairly large closet for each of the bedrooms, while the space adjacent to the single chimney is skillfully used for a built-in china closet in the dining room, and a built-in cupboard in the kitchen. The location of the bathroom is such that it is easily heated from the kitchen. The estimated cost includes standard plumbing equipment.

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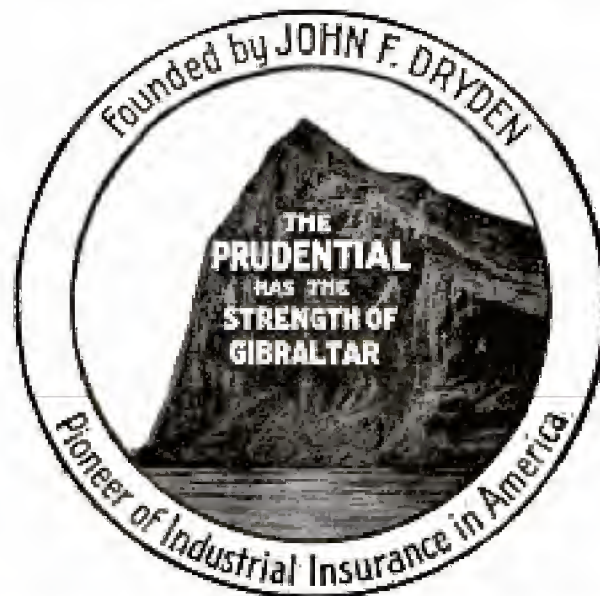
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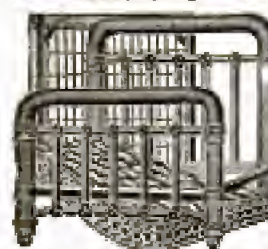
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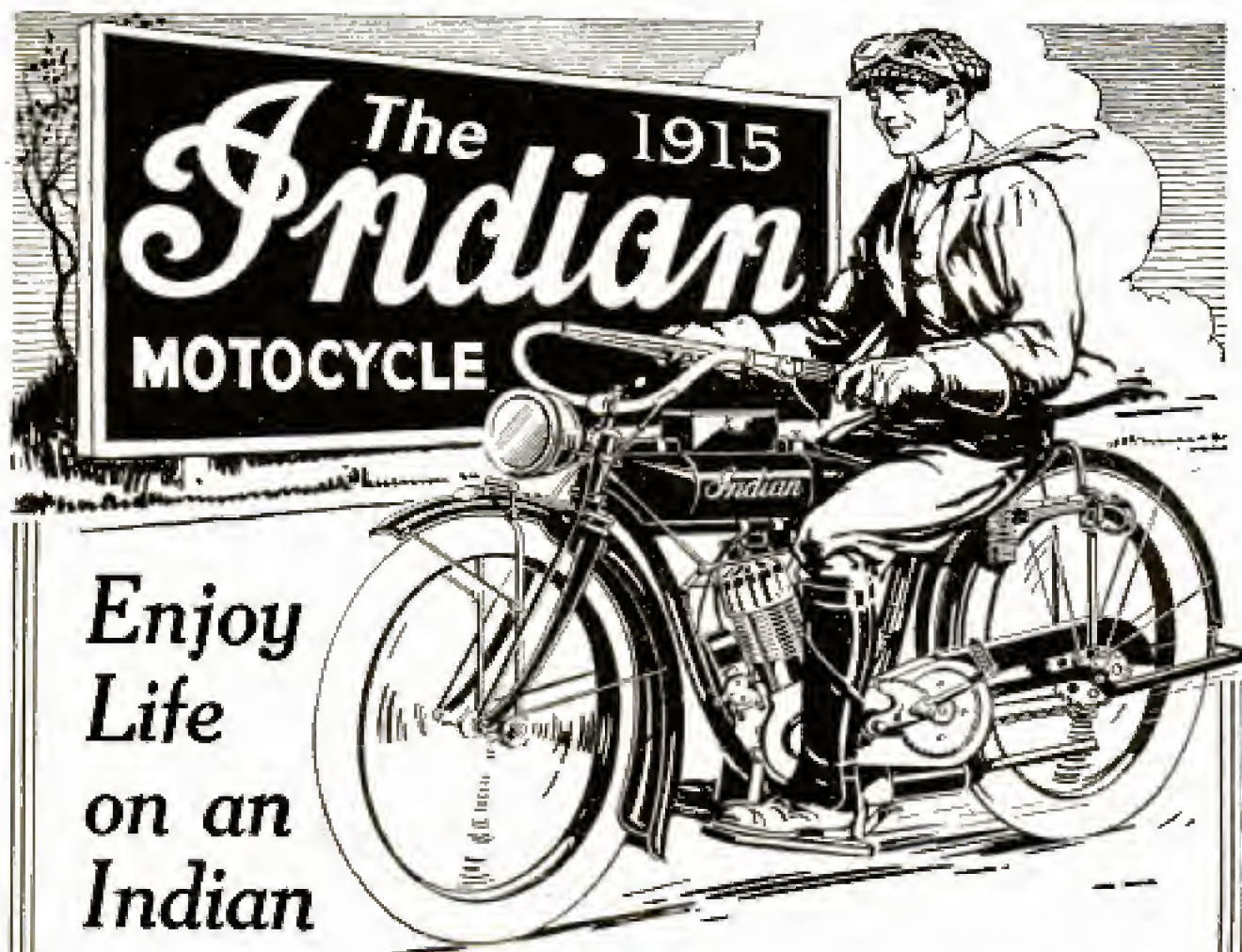
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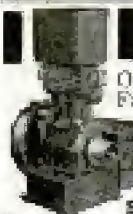
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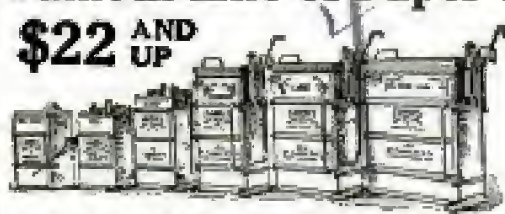
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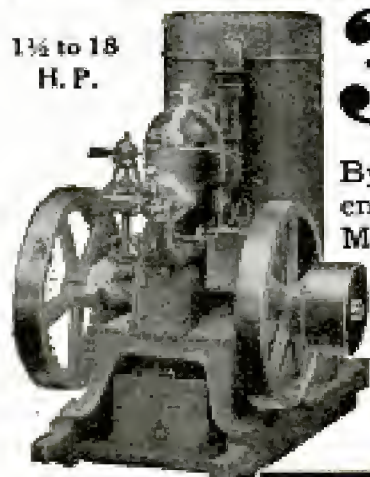
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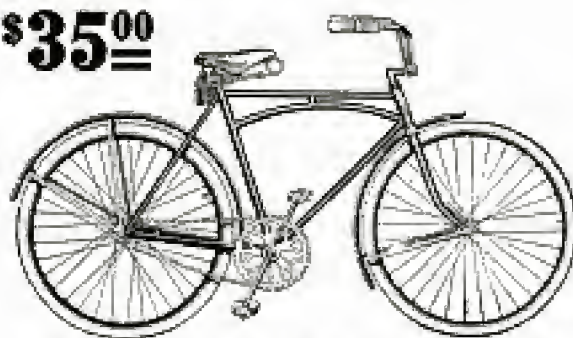
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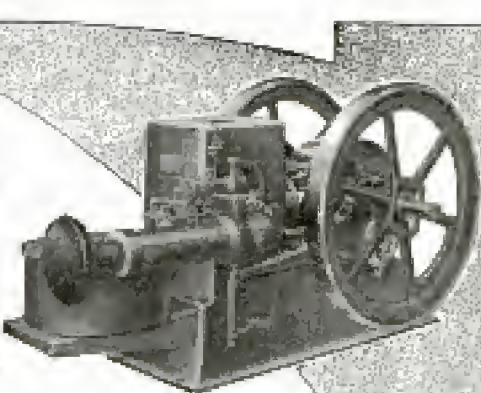
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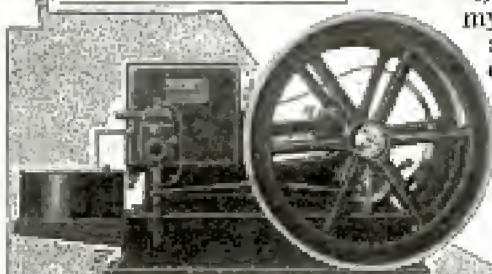
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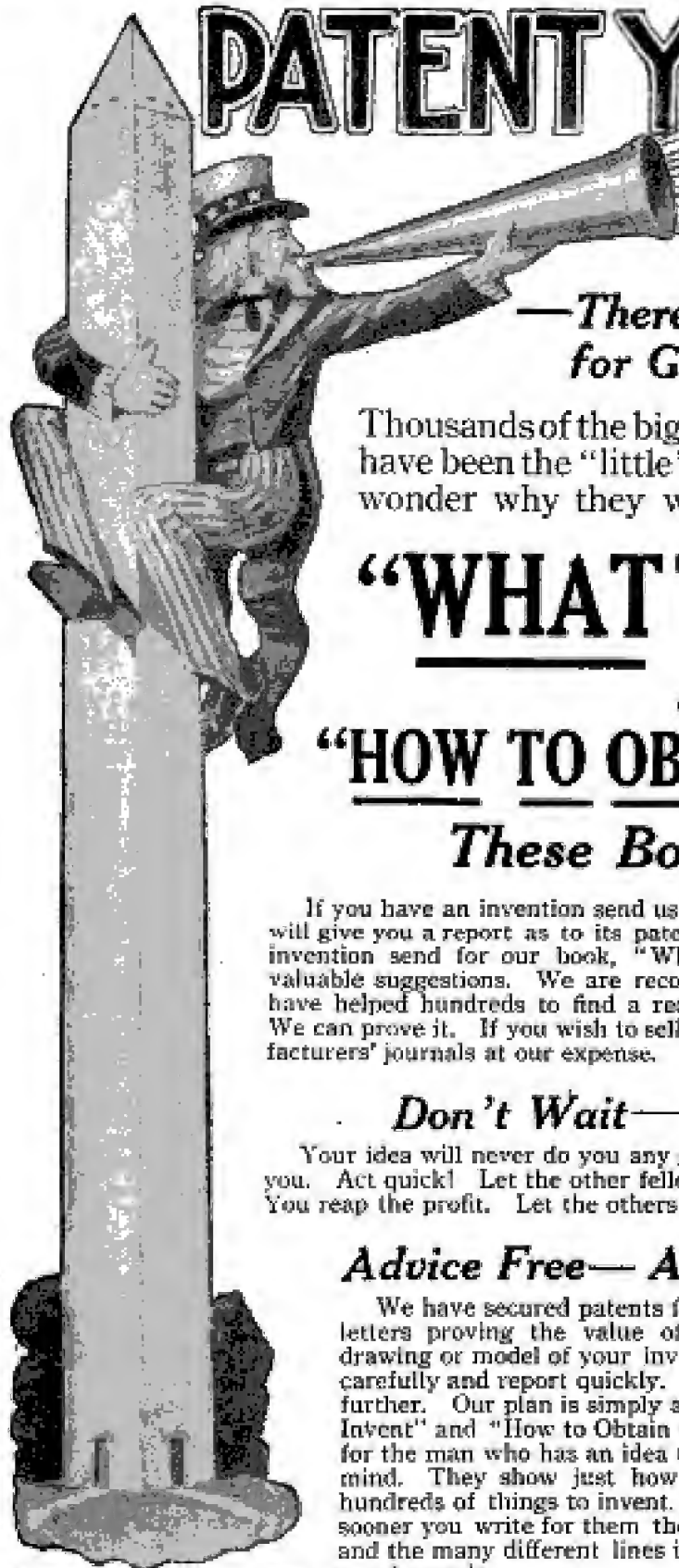
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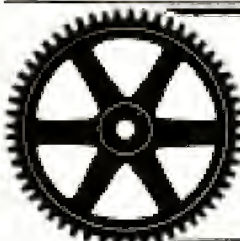
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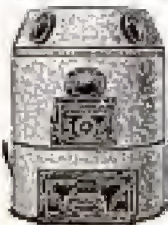
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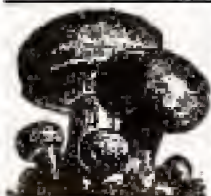
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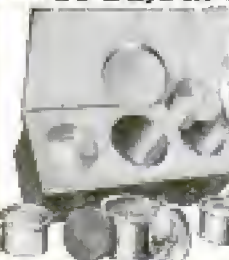
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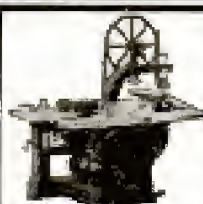
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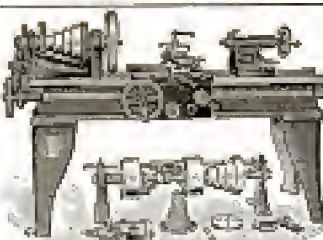
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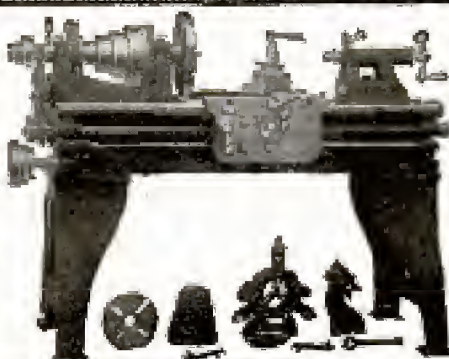
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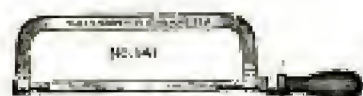
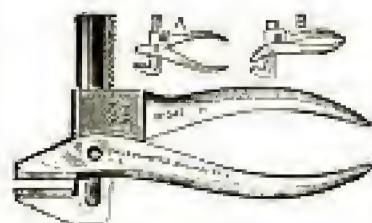
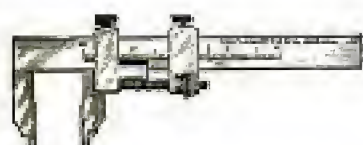
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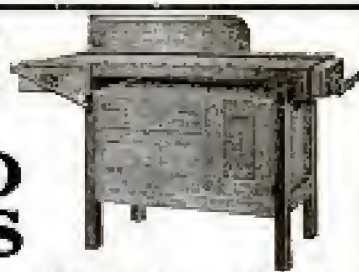
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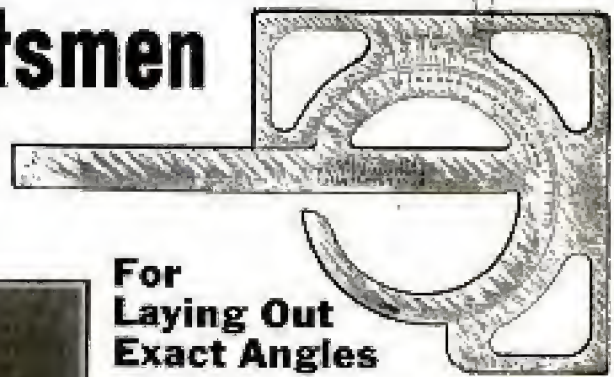
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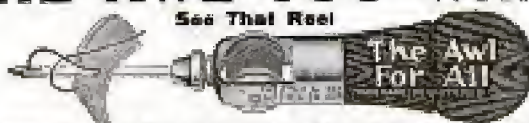
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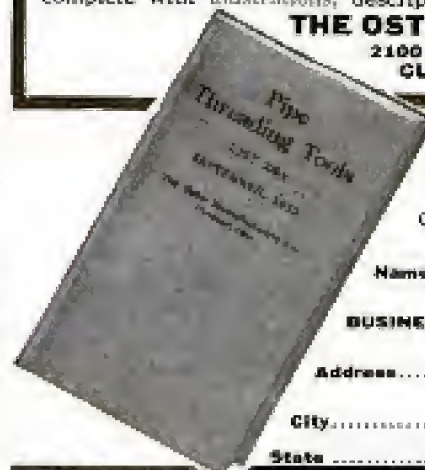
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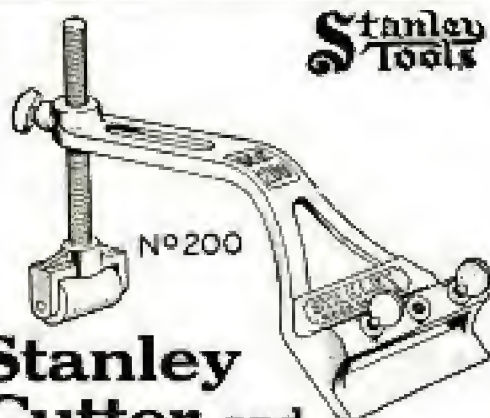
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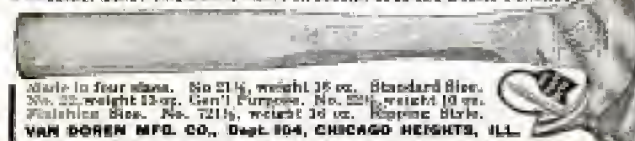
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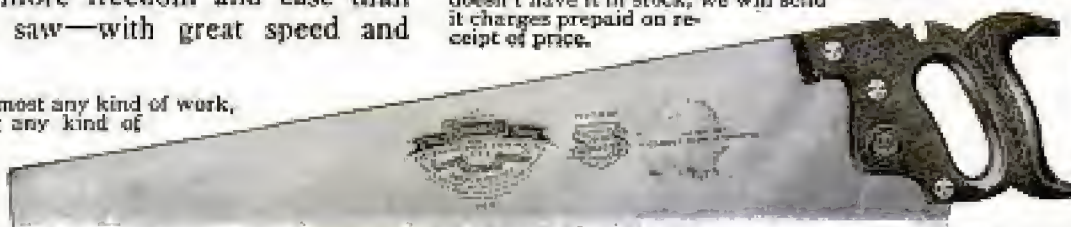
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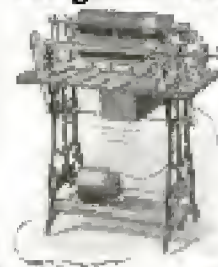
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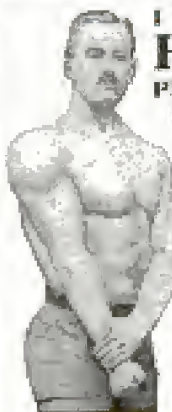
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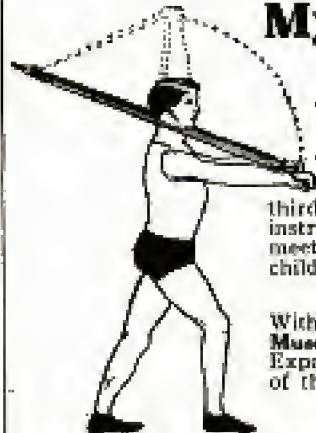
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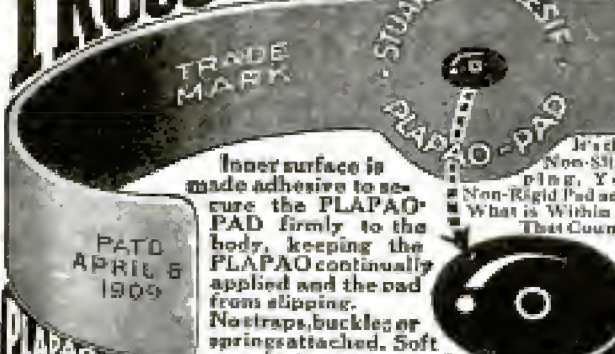
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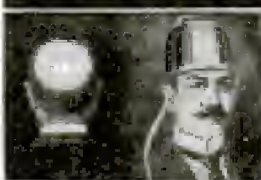




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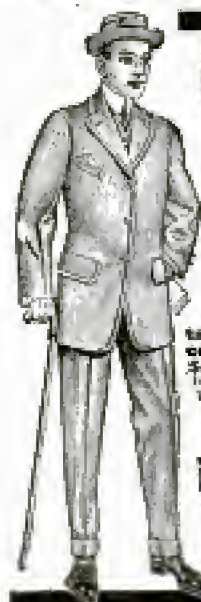
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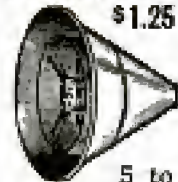
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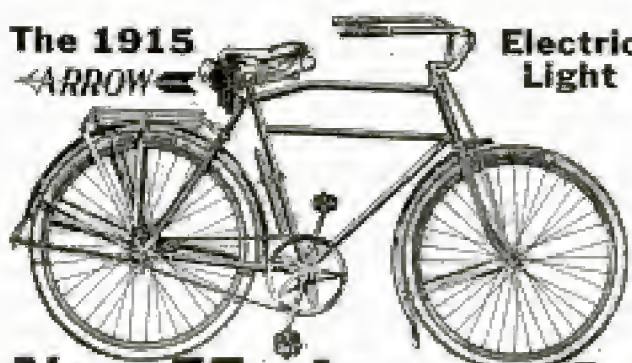
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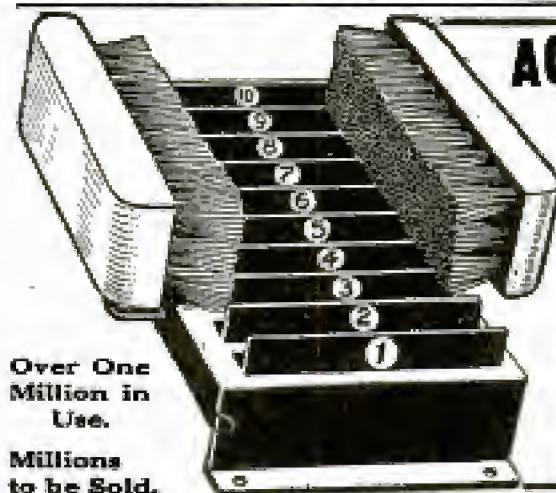


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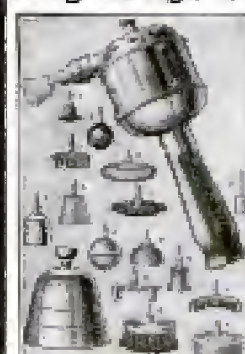
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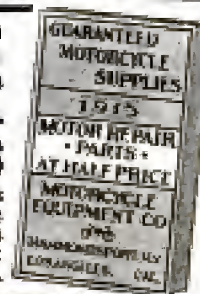
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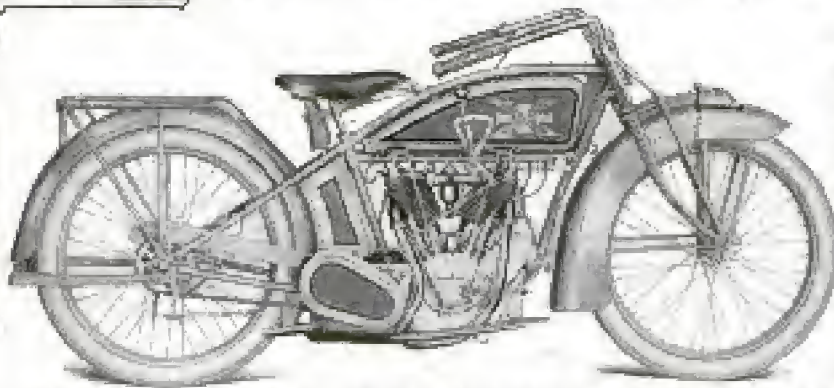
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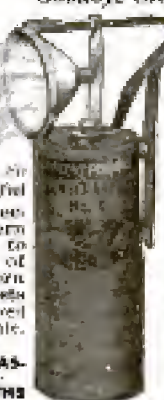
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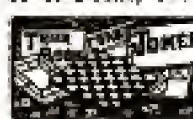
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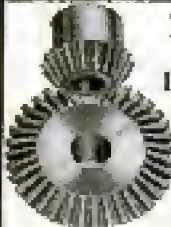
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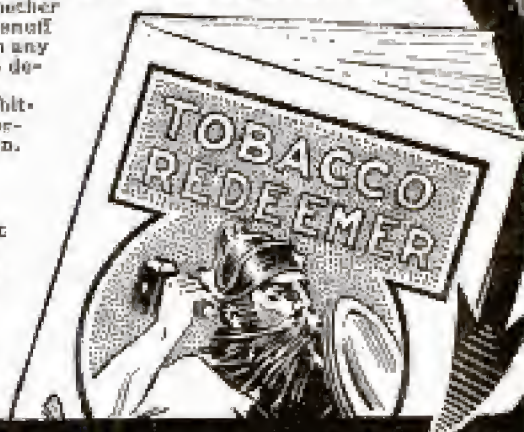
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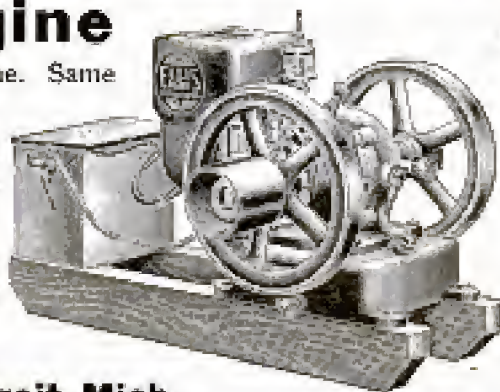
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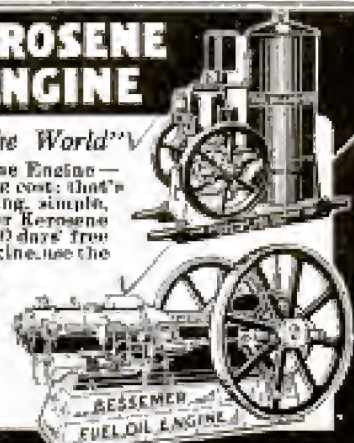
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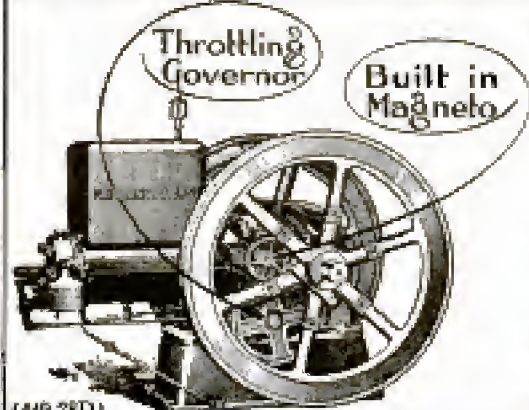
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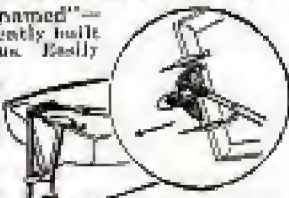
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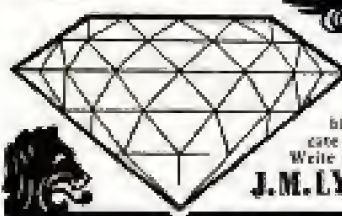
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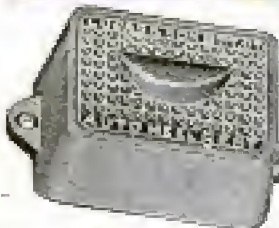
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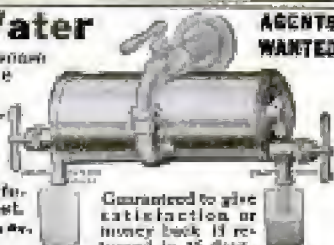
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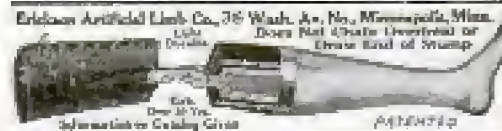
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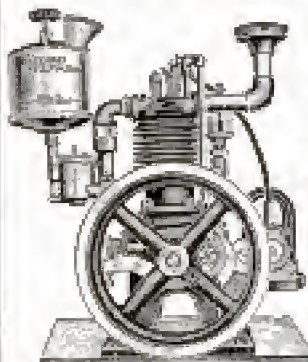
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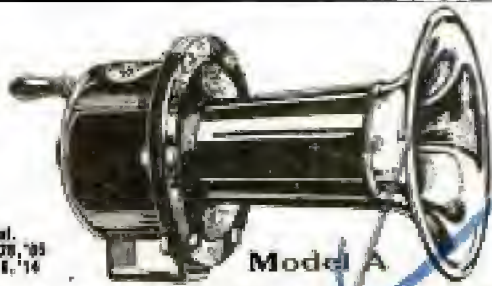
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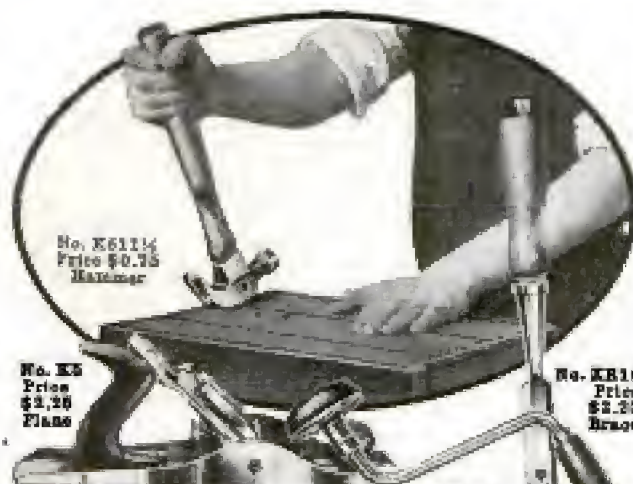
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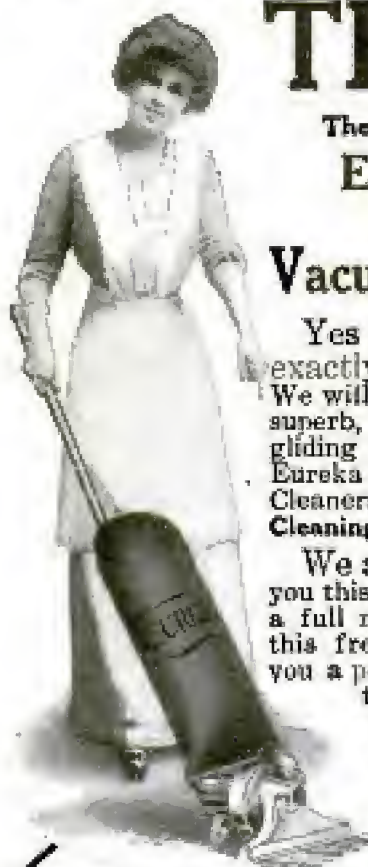
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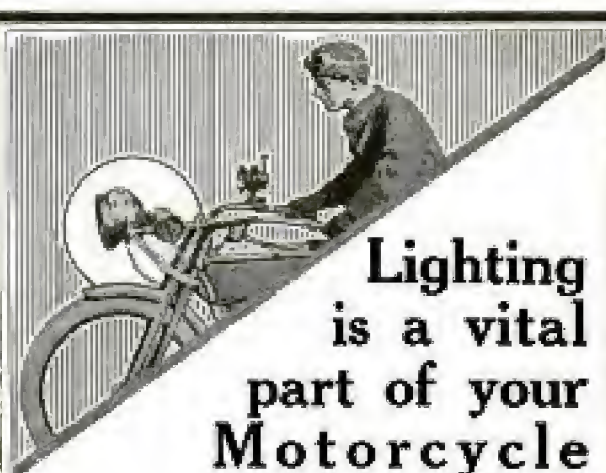
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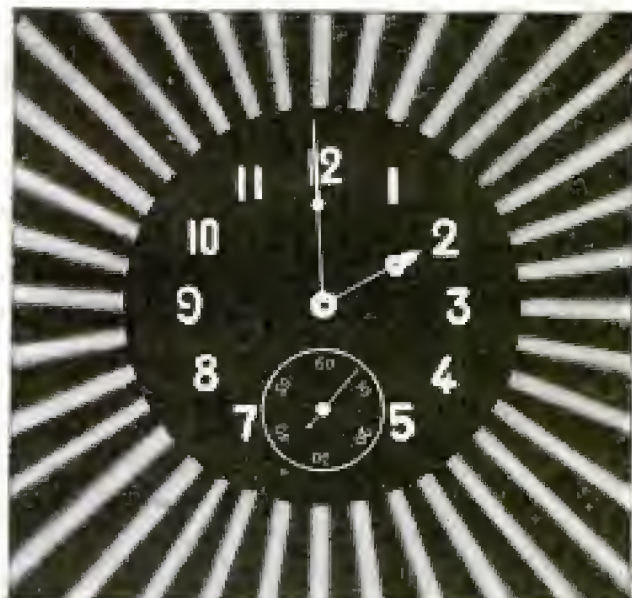


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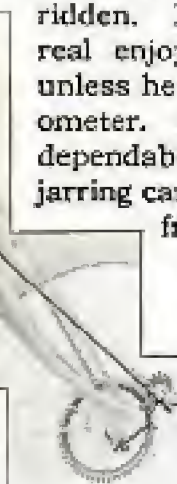
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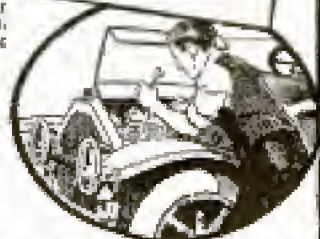
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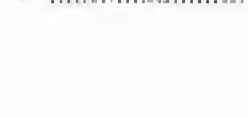
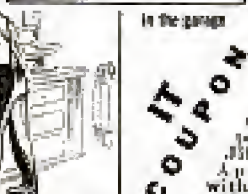
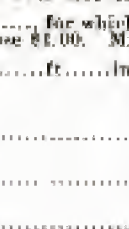
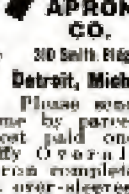
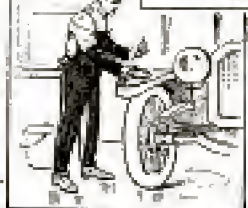
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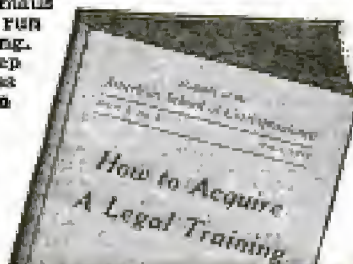
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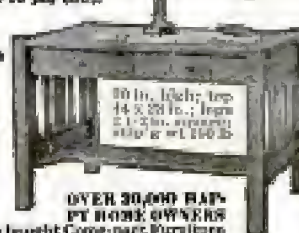
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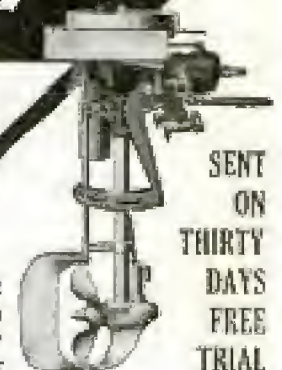
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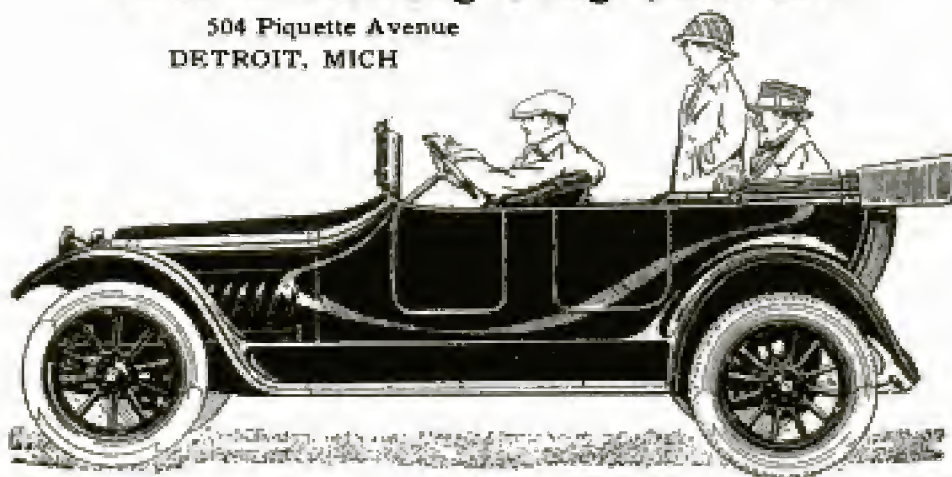
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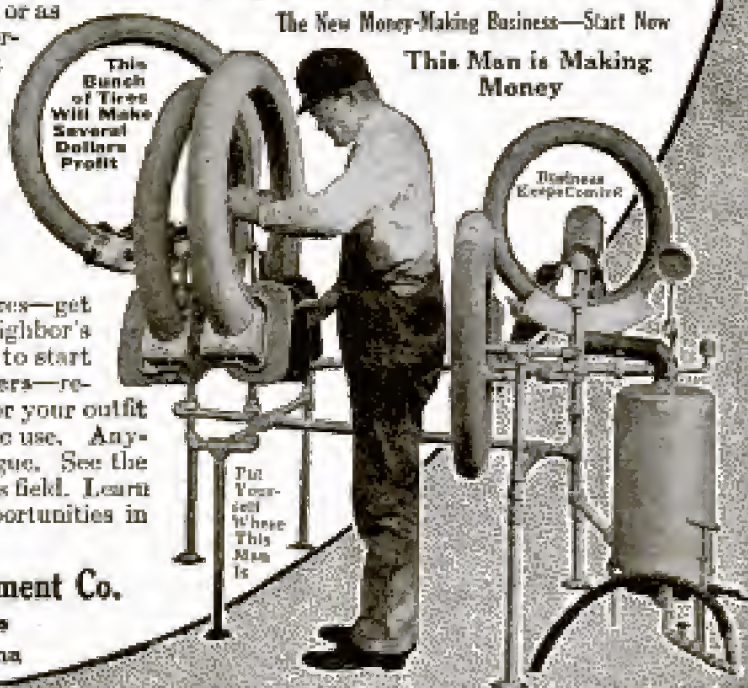
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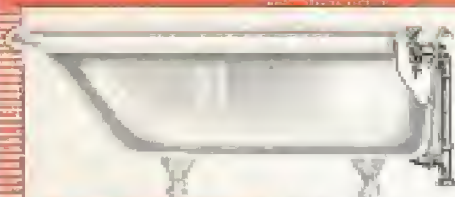
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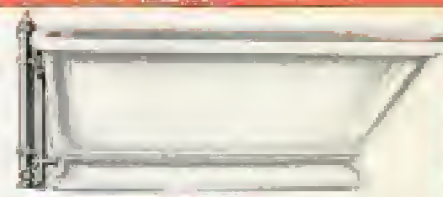
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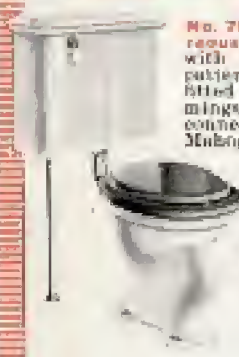
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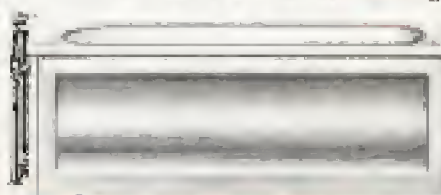
No. 59—Modern Siphon Wash-down Closet Outfit. Tank has re-inforced copper lining with heavy trimmings, 2" N. P. connection. Seat re-inforced; heavy brass N. P. Bar Hinges. Highest grade vitreous china bowl; complete with N. P. supply pipe to floor threaded for iron pipe. Oak or Mahogany, \$2.80.



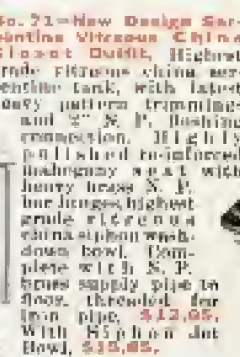
No. 58—Chicago Bathtub. Highest grade porcelain enameled. Has our latest designed body and 3 1/2" roll rim; on extension base with our patented non-screw-off attachments; fitted with heavy pattern china indexed Royal Ideal Waste, heavy N. P. Fuller Bathrock, heavy N. P. brass tubing supply pipes with iron pipe connections. Width over all 36", height from floor to top of rim 22 1/2", depth inside 17 1/2". Complete as shown and described, 5-ft. \$21.00, 5 1/2-ft. \$24.75.



No. 70—Latest Pattern Vitreous China Closet Outfit with highest grade Roman pattern vitreous china tank fitted with heavy brass trimmings and 2" N. P. flushing connection. Reinforced Mahogany seat with heavy brass N. P. bar hinges. Highest grade vitreous china siphon wash-down bowl; complete with N. P. brass supply pipe to floor threaded for iron pipe, \$12.00.



No. 60—New Tiled-in Roman Bathtub. Highest grade porcelain enameled on inside and outside. Latest pattern 3 1/2" flat rim over rim, new Roman body, fitted with heavy china indexed Royal Waste and compression indexed supply faucets. Supplies fitted with iron pipe connections. Water enters through our new ball delivery. Width over all 31", height from floor to top of rim 22 1/2". Complete as shown and described, 5-ft. \$75.00, 5 1/2-ft. \$80.00.

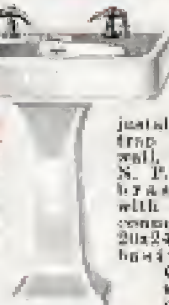


No. 71—New Design Serpentine Vitreous China Closet Outfit. Highest grade vitreous china serpentine tank, with latest heavy pattern trimmings and 2" N. P. flushing connection. Highly polished re-inforced Mahogany seat with heavy brass N. P. bar hinges, highest grade vitreous china siphon wash-down bowl. Complete with N. P. brass supply pipe to floor, threaded for iron pipe, \$12.00. With Siphon Jet Bowl, \$15.00.



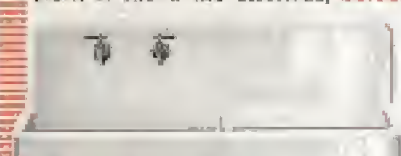
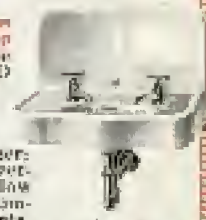
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No. 73—New Design Serpentine Drop Apron Lavatory. Size 14x24. Back 10". D shaped basin 11x15. Highest grade porcelain enameled one piece lavatory on concealed wall hanger; concealed integral overflow; heavy pattern, low down china indexed compression basin faucets, marked hot and cold; 1 1/2" heavy pattern adjustable N. P. brass trap to floor or wall; adjustable N. P. concealed brass supplies with iron pipe connections. Complete as shown and described, \$9.45.



No. 77—Long Drop Apron Sink.

Highest grade porcelain enameled sink combination with drop apron sink, back and drainboard, all cast in one piece, supported on concealed wall hanger; two porcelain enameled adjustable legs so that sink can be set at any height; two 1/2" N. P. finger faucets; 1 1/2" heavy pattern N. P. brass adjustable trap to floor or wall. Size of sink 20x39", height of back 12". Size of drainboard 20x24", entire length over all 54". Furnished with right or left hand drainboard. Complete as shown and described, \$28.25.

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No. 75—1-Pc. Roll Rim Sink and Back with Reversible Drainboard.



No. 76—Long Roll Rim 1-Pc. Sink. Highest grade porcelain enameled rolled rim sink combination with rolled rim sink, long sink back and drainboard, all cast in one piece, supported on concealed wall hanger with two adjustable legs so that sink can be set at any height. Two 1/2" N. P. finger faucets. 1 1/2" heavy pattern N. P. brass adjustable trap to floor or wall. Size of sink, 20x30; height of back, 12". Length over all, 58". Furnished with right or left hand drainboard. Complete as shown and described, \$17.95.



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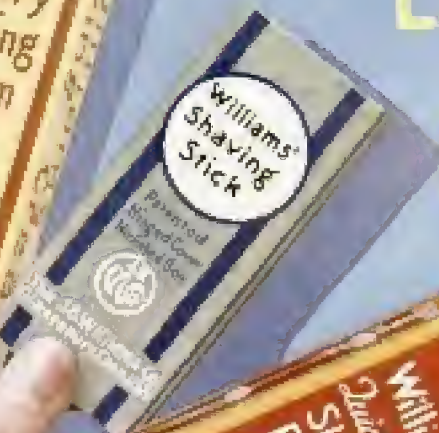
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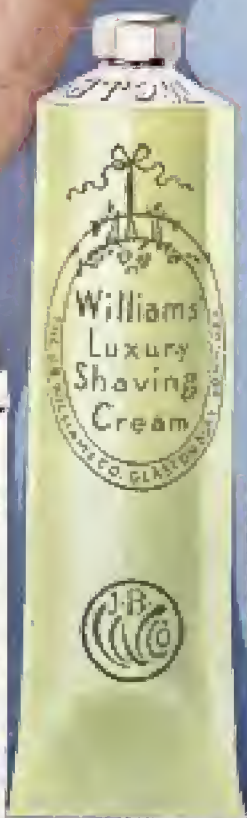
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